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Tomorrow, £22,000 can be won – £20,000 in the weekly competition and £2,000 in the daily.

Heathrow 'rife with corruption'

Heathrow Airport, which should be a "jewel in the crown", was rife with corruption, Judge Argyle, QC, told the Central Criminal Court. He was passing sentence on four airport workers jailed for their part in the theft of travellers' cheques worth millions of dollars. Page 3

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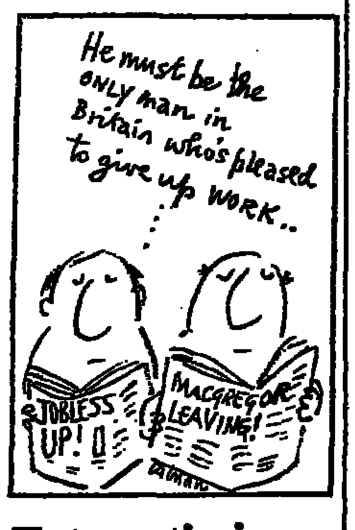
The Soviet Embassy in Beirut now fears the worst for three kidnapped Russians and is preparing to send home diplomats' families after a series of suicide bomb threats Page 6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The Right Rev Desmond Tutu, Anglican bishop of Johannesburg, was more hopeful of Britain taking tougher action against South Africa after meeting Mrs Thatcher at Downing Street.

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Gary Kasparov introduced an innovative move, hitherto unknown to chess theory, and secured a draw after only 18 moves in the twelfth game of the world chess championship Page 6

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Gorbachov details his offer on arms reductions

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterda confirmed Russian proposals to the Americans for a 50 per cent cut in strategic nuclear weapons, and made new proposals for direct talks with Britain and France on their respective nuclear forces.

Mr Gorbachov chose a reception in his honour at the French National Assembly in Paris to reveal for the first time details of the latest Soviet proposals on arms reductions, already partially leaked by the Americans, which many observers believe could herald an important breakthrough at the Geneva arms talks.

The aim of the new Soviet initiatives was "to halt the pernicious process of the arms race and to avert the danger of war", Mr Gorbachov said. The Soviet Union's long-term goal was a total ban on, and complete elimination of, all nuclear arms, "so as to free mankind forever from the threat of nuclear war", he added.

Mr Gorbachov outlined the three main points of the Soviet package:

● A 50 per cent reduction in Russian and American nuclear weapons "capable of reaching the other's territory", coupled with a total ban on all space weapons. In other words, there would be no agreement to reduce nuclear weapons without an American agreement to abandon its Star Wars initiative.

● Direct talks with Britain and France on their respective nuclear forces "to try to find an acceptable solution". Mr Gorbachov did not make clear what kind of "solution" the Russians were hoping to reach, but said that the USSR could "no longer close their eyes" to the rapidly growing potential of the French and British nuclear forces.

France and Britain have both always insisted that their nuclear forces should not be included in US-Soviet discussions on the reduction of intermediate range missiles in Europe.

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Mr Gorbachov said yesterday that he found "reasonable" the French position of "no discussion without participation", hence the proposal for direct talks. He promised that the Soviet Union would be "very careful to take into account the security interests of France", adding that "the question of a reduction in French arms does not arise at present".

● A renewed Soviet call for a moratorium on the deployment of intermediate range nuclear missiles in Europe. Mr Gorbachov claimed that the Soviet Union had already reduced the number of its missiles capable of reaching targets in Western Europe, and said that Europe now had the "right" to expect the United States to bring to an end the deployment of its Pershing and cruise missiles in Europe.

Mr Gorbachov said that the Soviet Union had reduced the number of its SS-20 missiles to 243, which was their level in June 1984, before the Russians began to deploy additional SS-20s in response to the US decision to install its own intermediate range missiles in Europe.

All the "supplementary" SS-20s deployed since July 1984 had now been withdrawn from operational service, Mr Gorbachov said, and their stationary installations would be dismantled within the next two months. In addition, the old SS-5 missiles had already been withdrawn from service, and SS-4 missiles were in the process of being withdrawn.

Looking beyond the confines of the present Geneva arms talks, Mr Gorbachov renewed the Russian call for a complete ban on all chemical weapons and the elimination of all stockpiles of such weapons. Until now, the West has been sceptical about such proposals because compliance would be almost impossible to verify.

However, Mr Gorbacov said yesterday that he was convinced that agreement on a trustworthy system of verification was possible.

Reagan remains confident

By Our Foreign Staff

President Reagan said yesterday he did not think Mr Gorbachovs' suggestion that the Soviet Union could negotiate separately with France and Britain on "Euro-missiles" would drive a wedge between the United States and its Nato partners.

"It certanly would drive a wedge if we arrogantly decided that we would negotiate on behalf of other countries and without their consent," he said.

The president refused to retreat on his "Star Wars" anti-missile programme, as demanded by Mr Gorbachov in return for offensive cuts.

Meanwhile in Philadelphia the Defence Secretary Mr Casper Weinberger, said that Soviet ground-based laser weapons could now interfere with US military satellites and could hit US missiles in flight in five years.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, announced yesterday he was ready to travel to Brussels for a Nato council meeting to discuss plans for the November summit between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov.

His announcement came in response to the angry complaints from Belgium and the Netherlands that they were being left out of the special summit of seven Western nations in New York on October 24.

The date of the Nato meeting has yet to be fixed.

In London the Foreign Office declined to comment on the Soviet proposals last night, but a more positive response might emerge after consultations with the United States.

Neither was there any official French reaction but informed sources suggested that it was most unlikely to be accepted.

Glimmer of hope for Aids drug

By Michael Binyon
and Thomson Prentice

Scientists in Britain and the US were expressing cautious hope yesterday that they had developed a drug to treat Aids patients.

Researchers at the US laboratories of the British-owned Burroughs Wellcome company have discovered a compound which hinders multiplication of the virus.

Similar trials are likely soon in other countries, including Britain. Even if successful, however, it is likely to be several years before the compound is licensed for general use.

A spokesman for the Wellcome Foundation in London said yesterday: "It is at present too early to make any claims other than to say it shows sufficient promise to be taken forward into the first stage of clinical investigations."

However, progress was described as "very promising" by Dr Hiroski Mitsuya, of the National Cancer Institute in Washington, when the findings were presented at a microbiology conference in Minneapolis.

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Cabinet backs tax cuts of £3.5m

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Cabinet yesterday confirmed Treasury plans for tax cuts of about £3,500 million in next year's budget as ministers considered the Conservative Party's low-level poll ratings, record unemployment figures and the latest round of riots and disturbances

The 90-minute Cabinet session included a political discussion during which Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary to the Cabinet, and other officials withdrew from the Cabinet room.

An opinion poll carried out for Thames Television's *TV Eye* last weekend, when the Brixton riots broke, yesterday put the Conservatives, at 33 per cent support, virtually neck-and neck with Labour and the Alliance who had level-pegging at 32 per cent.

Yesterday's Cabinet agreed the importance of sticking to Mr Nigel Lawson's Treasury targets for spending and taxation, and re-created the so-called "star chamber" process. Under it, Lord Whitelaw, the Lord President; Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons; Mr Norman Tebbit, party chairman and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry; and Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, will help Mr John MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, close in on next year's £139 billion spending budget.

The group will negotiate, directly with departmental ministers, such as Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, whose spending bids exceed planned programmes by an estimated £1,000 million.

Mr Baker, who wants to boost housing investment – earlier attended an inconclusive ministerial meeting on rates reform.

The pledged reform is causing acute political difficulty because tentative solutions, a mix of centralized business rates, property rates and an adult poll tax, are threatening to create too many losing groups.

The political importance of tax cuts, and of bringing about a fall in unemployment, is underlined by all the latest opinion polls. Professor Hugh Berrington, of Newcastle University, gave a warning on last night's *TV Eye* programme that if the Conservatives fell below 30 per cennt in an election the question would be "whether they could really survive as a serious parliamentary force".

Judge unravels Kerry baby murders

The woman at the centre of the "Kerry babies" inquiry was not the mother of a new-born child found dead, with multiple stab wounds, on a beach, a judge in the Irish Republic has ruled.

But Mr Justice Lynch ruled that Miss Joanne Hayes, aged 26, of Abbeydown, Co Kerry, did choke her new-born child causing her death.

In his report, which was handled yesterday to Mr Michael Noonan, the Minister of justice, the judge strongly criticized the police handling of the murder investigations, although he dismissed suggestions of a conspiracy by police.

The judge said that police had been slipshod, resorted to "far-fetched and self-contradictory theories", ignored contrary evidence after reaching conclusions, and lacked co-ordination.

The inquiry, which lasted four months, was set up because of public disquiet about the police handling of the case.

The "Kerry Babies" case began with the discovery of the body of a new-born boy on a beach at Cahirciveen, Co Kerry, in the south-west of the Irish Republic on April 14 last year. He had been stabbed 28 times.

Police seeking the mother of this child interviewed Miss Hayes when they learnt, during inquiries, that she had received post-natal treatment but no baby could be traced.

She was charged with the murder of the infant found on the beach on the basis of an alleged confession which she later denied, saying it had been given under duress. Members of her family faced related charges.

But all charges were subsequently dropped on the orders of the Director of Public Prosecutions because of conflicting forensic evidence.

Detectives found Miss Hayes had received post-natal treatment, but could find no trace of her child. She consistently denied being the mother of the baby found on the beach.

Although some members of her family signed statements that it was her baby, Miss Hayes insisted that her baby died after being born in a field outside the family farm.

Detectives eventually found the body, but changed their case to suggest that Miss Hayes had twins, by different fathers to explain differing blood groups, and pressed on with the murder charge.

Mr Justice Lynch said Miss Hayes had given birth to the baby whose body was found on the farm, and then choked the infant to death while trying to stop it crying. The body was disposed of by Miss Hayes, assisted by Mr Jeremiah Locke, the child's father, but she did not finally say what she had done with the body, the judge said.

Members of the family had become worried when they read of the discovery of the baby on the beach and feared it might be Miss Hayes's.

Mr Justice Lynch said that their statements confessing to an involvement with the beach baby had not been true.

They had been made as a result of guilty consciences relating to the birth and death of the other baby.

"The police had very strong suspicions, justified by the weight of evidence then available to them, that Joanne Hayes was the mother and responsible for the death of the Cahirciveen baby.

"As a result of the patently false stories first told to the police by each member of the Hayes family, their suspicions progressed into a positive and certain belief".

In the early stages of the investigation, the police did not find the baby on the Hayes farm. "The searches were deplorably inadequate and the failute to find the baby is inexcusable," the judge said.

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An embrace from Mr Kinnock for Mr Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress, after he had addressed the Labour conference on the need for sanctions against South Africa (Photograph: Warren Harrison).

Confident Kinnock fends off critics

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday dismissed the critics of his tough performance at the Labour Party conference in Bournemouth this week as unimportant and ineffectual, his confidence evidently further bolstered by the public response to his decision to take on the extremist left.

In a series of interviews Mr Kinnock shrugged off the technical defeat he suffered over the reimbursement of miners' funds as of no import and emphasized that the week had shown an immense breadth of support across the movement for the priority of building policies to win the next general election.

He referred to his opponents as a splinter, a small group who gave more attention to its own preferences and "petty priorities" than to winning power.

As he did so, there were signs that Mr Kinnock's high-risk strategy had paid off and that groups who might have been alienated by his pugnacious stance had fallen in behind him.

In a statement last night the left wing Labour Co-ordinating Committee called for unity on the left behind Mr Kinnock and stated that those who decided to fight the leadership along with the Militant Tendency were saying that they did not care about winning the next election.

Mr Kinnock yesterday made clear his opposition to any immediate action to expel Mr Derek Hatton, the Militant deputy leader of Liverpool City Council, and some of his colleagues from the party, which has been proposed by Mr Kenneth Cure of the engineering workers' union. He said that the immediate priority

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- **The conference rejected calls for sweeping nationalization, described as "idiocy" by Mr David Blunkett**
- **Delegates heavily defeated a motion to take Britain out of Nato**

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Labour near to commitment on minimum wage

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Labour Party yesterday moved nearer to adopting the idea of a national statutory minimum wage as a central feature of the planned economy under discussion with the trade unions.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said at the annual conference at Bournemouth that he supported a minimum wage with all his heart as the one hope for the working poor and for millions of underpaid women, and wished to make it a reality.

In return he appealed to the unions to join at once in working out the details of Labours' proposed economic partnership, including the distribution of income.

The goal of a statutory minimum wage was adopted by the party conference two years ago. But yesterday for the first time it was endorsed by the two-to-one margin which qualifies it for inclusion in the party's next election manifesto.

The conference passed by 4,837,000 votes to 1,519,000 a resolution for which the National Union of Public Employees had campaigned for years.

The outcome showed that Nupe has successfully overcome the resistance of many unions who have feared in the past that a national minimum wage would imply the need for an all-embracing incomes policy, or would threaten the differentials of their own more highly paid members.

Of the big unions, only the Transport and General Workers maintained its opposition yesterday.

The Nupe resolution commits the party only to consult on the minimum wage, in recognition that its adoption will raise grave difficulties for any government.

The conference also adopted yesterday two of the foundation documents of Labour's new economic framework, *Investing in Britain*, with its plan for a national investment bank and tax penalties for those who invest abroad, and *A New Partnership, A New Britain.*

Party and TUC leaders are still uncertain how to move forward their discussions on an economic framework while several unions remain nervous of any mention of incomes.

Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, who said he recognized the need for an incomes strategy, raised some laughs when he also protested that he was "not talking about wage restraint, or wage cuts, or incomes policy, or anything like that".

Mr Ron Todd of the TGWU, a key figure on the TUC-Labour Party Liaison Committee was quick to respond to Mr Hattersley's call. "Of course we will be taking part in discussion", he said.

Rescuers close to trapped boy

Mexico City – After a night of silence, rescue teams using ultrasonic equipment yesterday morning established that a trapped nine-year-old boy was still alive, more than two weeks after an earthquake destroyed his grandfather's house

"He still seems to have use of all five senses," one Mexican rescue worker said. Yet hopes of saving Louis Ramon Nafarrete were not very high.

"We're in a battle against time and we're losing", the coordinator of the rescue operation said. Oxygen was running short and the boy's physical and psychological condition was felt to be deteriorating.

Rescue workers said they knew the exact location of the boy and were less than five feet from him. However, the rubble is so loose, the danger so great that one false move could collapse a wall

Steel chairman to take over at coal board

Sir Robert Haslam, chairman to the British Steel Corporation, is to be the next chairman of the National Coal Board. He succeeds Mr Ian MacGregor, who retires next August.

The appointment was announced yesterday by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy. Sir Kenneth Couzens, a former permanent under-secretary at the Department of Energy, is to be the coal board's new deputy chairman. He takes up his post today.

Mr Walker is also likely to name two new full-time board members to the NCB in the new year, in a further stage in the reorganization of the board's senior management.

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Jobless total climbs to 13.9%

By Richard Thomson

The number of unemployed surged by more than 105,000 last month to a record 3,346,198, or 13.9 per cent of the workforce, as 56,892 school leavers joined the dole queue.

The seasonally adjusted figures, which illustrate the trend, showed a drop of 2,900 in adult employment. It is only the second monthly fall for more than a year.

Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday described the seasonally adjusted fall as encouraging, but said the overall total remained too high.

Officials believe there are clear signs that the rise in unemployment is moderating. Allowing for seasonal factors, the trend was the lowest since 1979-80. The average monthly rise in unemployment over the six months to the end of September was 5,000 compared with 10,000 for the previous six months.

The number of job vacancies also rose, seasonally adjusted by 6,500 to 184,100, the highest since February 1980. The figure includes only vacancies notified to job centres.

The Job turnover has also increased. Vacancies filled rose to 225,000, the highest figure since October 1979.

There are now 3,189,44 adults and 156,756 schoolleavers without jobs, but the rate of increase for both groups was lower than in September last year. The rise in adult unemployment was the lowest since September 1979.

Male unemployment showed virtually no change over the six months to the end of September compared with an average increase of 6,000 a month over the previous half-year. Female unemployment, however, has been rising steadily by around 5,000 a month for a year.

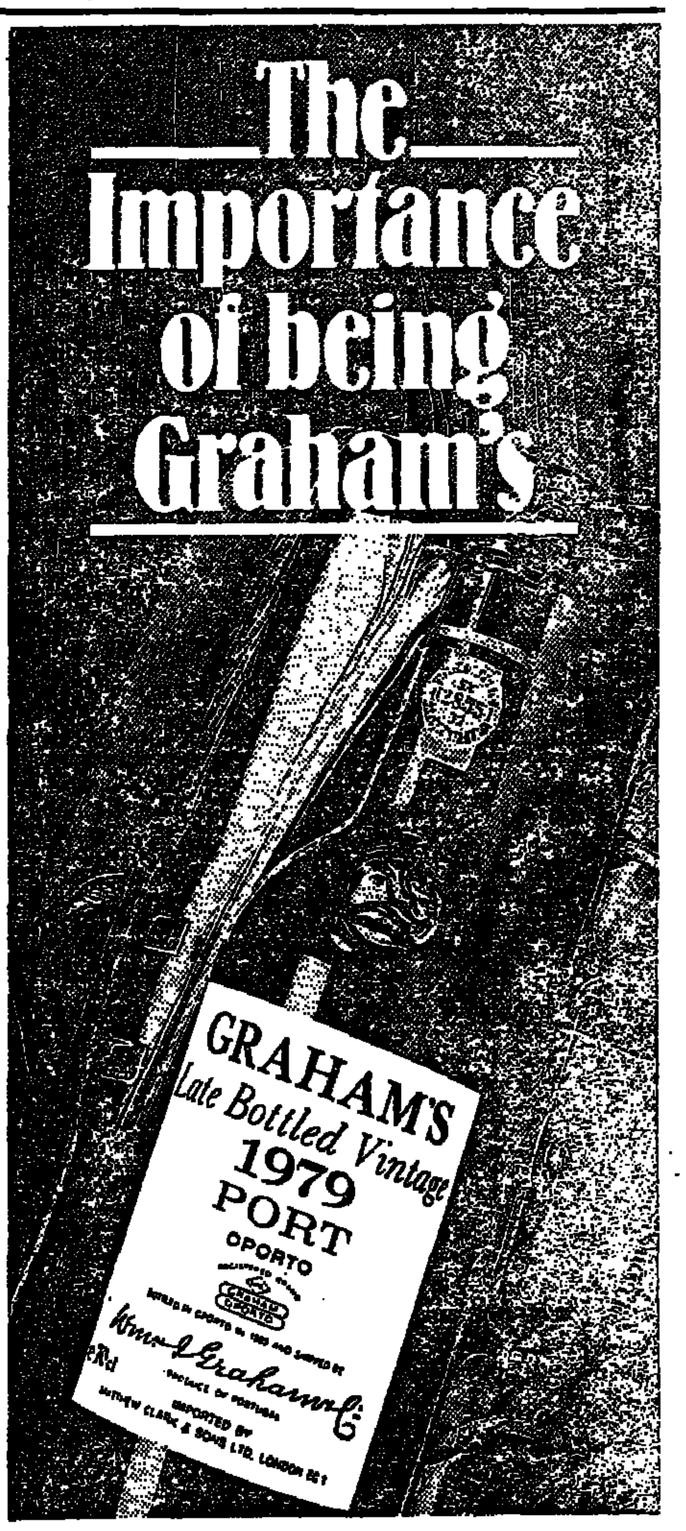
'True level is 4m,' says Labour

Opposition politicians and trade union chiefs immediately united to condemn the record jobless figures which Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, referred to as "the grim reality of Britain in 1985".

Mr John Prescott, Labour's chief employment spokesman, told his party's conference in Bournemouth that the true level of unemployment was now four million. "It is higher than we had in the 1930s. It is the highest recorded level of unemployment in this country."

Mr Richard Wainwright, Liberal employment spokesman, said the figures were a record in misery and needlessly lost resources.

Mrs Shirley Williams, president of the Social Democratic Party, said that instead of giving hope to the new record number of unemployed and the millions who feared for their jobs, Mrs Thatcher continued with policies which had crippled vast areas of the country.



Head teachers in Manchester vote to strike over graffiti dispute

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Head teachers of secondary schools in Manchester are to strike next week in support of their colleagues in the obscene graffiti dispute at Poundswick High School, Wythenshawe.

The 38 members of Manchester's Secondary Heads Association voted by 93 per cent in favour of the half-day strike, which they will spend protesting at a city council meeting.

The heads object to the failure of the education sub-committee to uphold a governors' recommendation to exclude pupils from the school.

The dispute centres on five fifth-form boys who were expelled for daubing racist and obsceme slogans, referring to members of staff, on school walls. Teachers were suspended after they refused to teach the five when they were reinstated by the education committee; other teachers are on strike.

Mrs Shirley Wright, head of Wright Robinson High School, said head teachers had to stand up and be counted. "We want send standards in our schools and we believe parents do as well", she said.

Meanwhile, on the teachers' pay dispute, union leaders are divided about their response to the new "no-strings" initiative to be discussed at today's gathering of the employers' side of the Burnham negotiating committee. That emerged after a two-hour meeting of the teachers' side yesterday.

Although the teachers welcome the change of heart in the Association of Metropolitan Authorities (AMA) which is now prepared to drop the conditions that have previously been attached to a settlement of this year's dispute, they disagree about the basis for future talks.

The National Union of Teachers (NUT), is insisting that its four principles form the basis for further negotiations. The other unions feel that no pre-conditions should be laid down.

Accordingly, a motion containing the four points was proposed by the NUT at yesterday's meeting of the teachers panel and was passed, with all 16 NUT votes in its favour. The Secondary Heads Association and the Professional Association of Teachers voted against and the rest abstained.

After the meeting Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said the NUT's insistence on the four principles was "an obstacle to further negotiations".

The NUT's four points are: an offer should be no less than the rate of inflation in April this year (6.9 per cent); it should at least match the increase on average earnings (7.5 per cent); it should contain an element towards the restoration of Houghton levels of pay; there should be a commitment to long-term restoration of Houghton.

"The four principles are sound so long as everyone understands that they represent the negotiating ambitions of the teachers' panel," he said.

Mr Peter Snape, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, said that the NUT's four points sounded like pre-conditions

Mr Peter Dawson, general secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers, said the NUT's four principles provided a basis for it to reject almost anything offered by the management side.

Treasury threatens £1.25bn package

The £1.25 billion package for reforming teachers' salary structure and conditions is under direct threat from the Treasury if a settlement is not reached within a week (our Lobby Reporter writes).

The deadline for using the cash runs out on October 11 and there is growing Treasury pressure to take the money back and distribute it to other Whitehall departments rather than allowing it to sit on the shelf until the teachers' dispute is resolved.

Councils win back £24m after appeal victory

The Government faces having to pay out an extra £24 million to two local authorities after its system for setting council spending targets was ruled unlawful by the Court of Appeal in London yesterday.

The court decided that the method for calculating spending targets in the current financial year discriminated against some local authorities.

They allowed an appeal by Bradford City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council against the refusal by High Court judge in March this year to quash the calculations method.

The councils now expect to receive £24 million between them in extra grants which had been stopped by the Government as a penalty because they exceeded spending targets.

Lord Justice Lawton, sitting with Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Dillon, ruled that the Secretary of State for the Environment at the time of setting targets in such a way as to impose severe reductions on some councils while leaving others financially unscathed.

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● Local authorities have taken on twice as many part-time workers as they have shed full-time staff during the past year, according to the Joint Manpower Watch Group for England.

Although 6,733 full-time jobs have gone, an extra 15,091 part-time posts have opened up. The biggest loss was among full-time teachers and lecturers, where 6,214 jobs have gone.

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TUC chief re-opens ballot cash conflict

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Editor

The conflict between the TUC and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers reopened yesterday when the union's executive rejected TUC calls to change the ballot paper on which its one million members will vote next month on whether to accept further government cash for ballots.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, told the AUEW that he was unhappy with the wording of the paper agreed by the union's executive on Wednesday and wanted it to include a considerably more elaborate presentation of the TUC's case against state funding.

Senior union leaders, including Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union were involved in a flurry of contacts over the AUEW's decision between Congress House and Bournemouth where they are attending the Labour Party conference. They were considering their next step last night.

The AUEW agreed to present both sides of the case as part of the formula which deferred the threat of the AUEW's suspension from the TUC at Blackpool last month.

The ballot paper summarizes the arguments made on both sides but also makes it clear to the union's members that "the majority of your executive council are of the view we should continue to apply for public funding".

Mr Gavin Laird, the union's general secretary, said yesterday that he was prepared to give the TUC as much space as it wanted in next month's issue of the union's journal.

"We don't want to get into a public haggle with the TUC," he insisted. Mr Laird acknowledged that the single parapraph stating the TUC case against public funding for ballots was shorter than that stating the executive's view but said: "My view is that there is no intellectual case against taking the money."

Miners wait over cash

An attempt by the National Union of Mineworkers to get back control of its money from the High Court-appointed receiver was adjourned for three weeks yesterday.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies, who appointed Mr Michael Arnold as receiver last November, said it was not just a question of appointing new trustees to take control of the miners' millions, it would also need co-operation from the old trustees. Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president, Mick McGahey, the vice-president, and Mr Peter Heathfield, the general secretary.

He said that in spite of efforts from Mr Arnold to get co-operation none had been forthcoming.

Action threat to printers

The threat of legal action hung over printworkers at the *Financial Times* last night as fresh talks aimed at achieving a pressroom agreement broke up without agreement.

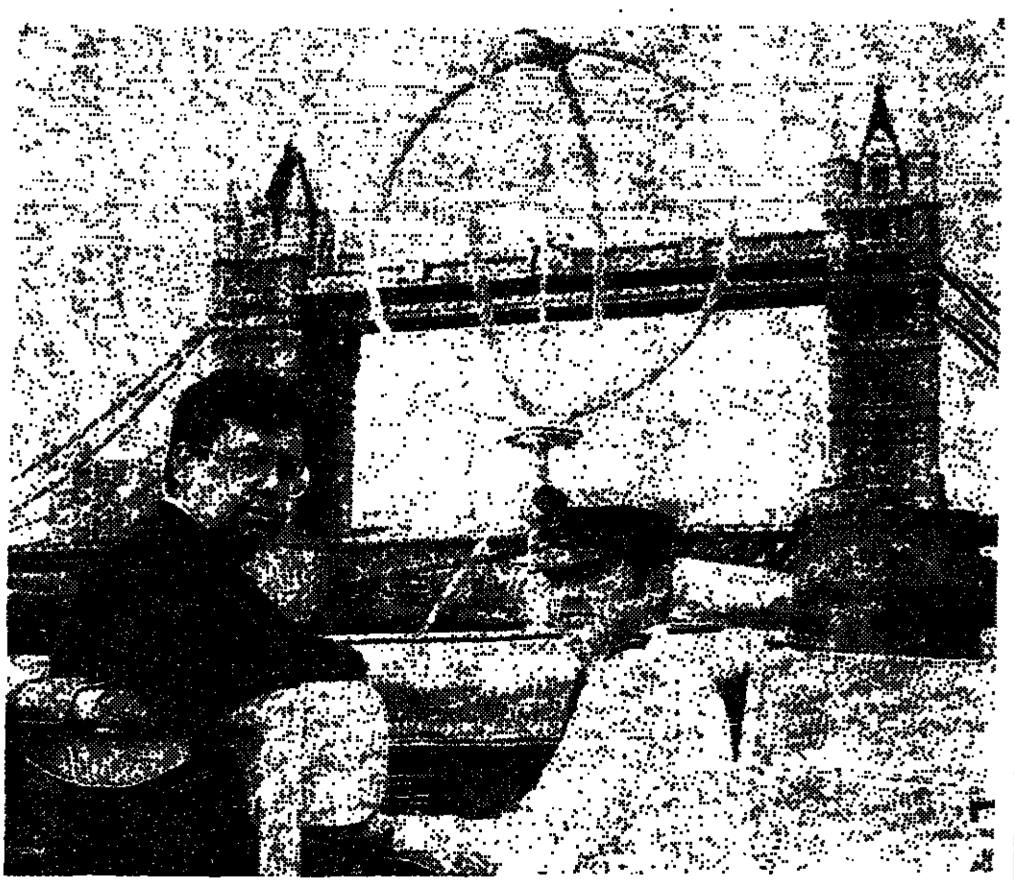
The management has said that any future disruption by members of the National Graphical Association and Sogat '82 in the machine room will be followed by individual civil suits against workers, and litigation against the unions taking industrial action without a ballot.

However, discussion under the auspices of Acas were likely to continue.

Ambulance staff pay hitch

A pay deal which would introduce sweeping changes in the way the ambulance service is manned and place the country's 17,000 ambulance staff on salary status was in the balance last night.

Lengthy negotiations between the employers and union officials, which ended in the early hours yesterday, stalled after an offer of £165 weekly rate was rejected by the unions who are asking for parity with fire fighter's rate of £172.92.



Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Support, at the controls of HMS Hunter, sea training vessel to the newly-formed London University Royal Naval Unit, on the Thames yesterday. With him is Chief Petty Officer Derek Marshall (Photography: Dod Miller).

A man with tough reputation

Sir Robert Haslam has an impeccable industrial track record, a reputation for Lancashire toughness, a dislike of state handouts and a deep admiration for Mrs Thatcher – qualifications that make him perfectly suited to running the National Coal Board.

A close associate said yesterday: "He is a commited free marketeer and a 100 per cent supporter of the Government's policies. He also took on Arthur Scargill on behalf of the British Steel Corporation last year and won. The Prime Minister thinks he is rather good."

Sir Robert, aged 62, has spent his two years as part-time chairman of BSC ensuring that the restructuring and streamlining in the industry begun by Sir Charles Villiers and carried on by Mr Ian MacGregor has proceeded smoothly.

His charm and negotiating ability have allowed him to deal successfully with politicians while the uncompromising Mr Bob Scholey, BSC chief executive and front-runner to take over the chairmanship, has left to manage the industry.

But his determination to win was demonstrated during the miners' strike when steelworkers starved of coal were under threat from NUM pickets and from dock workers. Overcoming his usual reluctance to use harsh language, Sir Robert, the son of a Bolton painter and decorator, accused the strikers of joining a "suicide pact" and of formulating a policy designed deliberately to drive his industry out of business.

Ironically, Sir Robert could have risen to the top coal board job a lot earlier had he not been steered into the "career machine" of Imperial Chemical Industries. In his youth, he wanted to become a policeman, but later won a scholarship to read geography at Cambridge, a place he could not assume because he failed his Latin examination. In the end, he settled for a mining degree

Coal board appointments

Steel chief's move marks new era

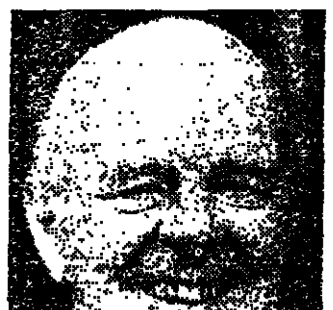
By David Felton and Derek Harris

The appointment of Sir Robert Haslam as chairman of the National Coal Board, marks the first phase in the long-expected restyling of the boards' top management structure. Sir Robert, now chairman of the British Steel Corporation, will take charge when Mr Ian MacGregor retires next August.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, also announced that Sir Kenneth Couzens, a former permanent under-secretary in his own department, is the board's new deputy chairman with immediate effect. Sir Kenneth attends his first meeting of the board today.

The second stage of the reorganization of the board's senior management structure is likely to come in the New Year with the appointment of two new full-time board members. They will be drawn from the four members of the executive management board established earlier in the year by Mr MacGregor.

Favourites for the posts are Mr Ken Moses, the technical director, who is one of the board's key long-term strategists, and Mr Malcolm Edwards, the commercial director. The other two members of the executive team, Mr Malcolm Butler, in charge of finance, and Mr John Northard, operations director, can, however, not be ruled out.



Sir Robert Haslam, who is leaving BSC

Mr Walker's aim is to strengthen the senior management with executives offering a breadth of experience. It is also clear that Sir Robert's appointment means that the thrust of the board's strategy, to close uneconomic pits and invest in those with a good future, remains unchanged.

Sir Robert, aged 62, whose performance at British Steel, where he has been chairman for two years, has won the admiration of Mrs Thatcher and her Cabinet colleagues, was the first choice of Mr Walker for the job. His salary of £145,000 compares with the total cost of Mr MacGregor's three-year stint of £1.7 million, including the so-called "transfer fee" paid to Lazard Freres, the New York investment bank of which he is a limited partner.

The appointment was greeted with some scorn by leaders of the mining unions, although Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, said he thought the new chairman would carry out the same policies "with a little less abrasiveness."

Sir Robert is said to have a genuine enthusiasm for the coal industry and was chosen for his record on efficiency, labour relations and communications. He will join the coal board initially as non-executive deputy chairman from November 1 and will take up full-time duties from May 1, working in harness with Mr MacGregor.

Mr Walker said last night: "The coal industry deserves the best and I believe it will be getting just that in Bob Haslam."

Sir Kenneth Couzens, aged 60, has been appointed deputy chairman from the beginning of this month.

Farmers face further cut in milk quotas

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

While British dairy farmers are being urged to increase production to meet this year's national quota, the European Commission is planning further measures to reduce the EEC surplus.

Fears of having to pay a penal levy for overproduction, after quotas were introduced in April last year, persuaded farmers in Britain to reduce production by more than the 6.2 per cent required.

In spite of a further 1 per cent cut in national quotas this year, production is still more than 2 per cent below the permitted level.

But the European butter, cheese and skimmed milk powder "mountains" are continuing to accumulate, and the Commission in Brussels is seeking a further 3 per cent cut. It is reportedly planning to make about £500 million available from the common agricultural policy budget to compensate farmers who agree to give up production.

The Ministry of Agriculture introduced its own "outgoers" scheme last year, with £50 million set aside to compensate farmers who undertook to surrender their quotas. But its purpose was to help small producers, and those in financial difficulties, by making part of the national quota available for redistribution.

The Government is unlikely to welcome the new scheme, as Britain is one of the few countries in the EEC which is not self-sufficient in dairy products.

Judge's report unravels Kerry baby murders

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"The failure put further pressure on Joanne Hayes to confess that her baby was not on the land and, therefore, must be the Cahirciveen baby".

The judge said that the police, in support of the theory that Miss Hayes had been the mother of both children, had "resorted to unlikely, far-fetched and self-contradictory theories". One of the thee was that a third baby, with injuries similar to those of the Cahirciveen child, had been thrown into the Atlantic

Mr Jusitee Lynch said that portions of the police report on the affair had displayed lack of logic owing to their failure to face up to the strength of contradictory evidence which emerged after the charges had been preferred.

Other sections were examples of "convoluted reasoning", which no attempts by the police to explain could elucidate.

The director of Public Prosecutions had been correct in deciding that the charges should be dropped. "The principle underlying this decision is correctly set forth by Mr Donal Browne, the state solicitor for Co Kerry, when he said that it would not be right to put a citizen to the ordeal of a trial when there was clearly not the evidence to justify the prosecution."

Mr Noonan, who ordered the inquiry, made no comment last night on the contents of the report. He and other members ogf the Cabinet will now have to decide whether the affair has damaged public confidence in the police badly enough to warrant any action.

Confident Kinnock fends off leftist critics

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should be resolving the difficulties of Liverpool, and added that "running around trying to throw people out" would not do so.

He clearly did not rule out longer term action but he said that the party, before it could expel people, needed to have adequate proof that they were acting in contravention of the constitution and that unless and until it was available they remain members of the party.

But Mr Kinnock's Shadow Cabinet colleagues remained irritated yesterday over the eventual outcome of Wednesday's debate about the crisis in Liverpool.

They were angry that Mr David [illegible] leader of Sheffi[illegible] and chairm[illegible] party's local government committee, had not consulted them before announcing an initiative which allowed the council leaders to escape an humiliating defeat to follow Mr Kinnock's denunciation of their tactics in his keynote speech. He had spoken with Mr Hatton about the initiative.

Mr Kinnock himself was not particularly happy although he joined in the ovation for Mr Blunkett. No one was imputing any malice to Mr Blunkett. They agreed it was his natural instinct to look for a way out of the confrontation that had occurred, but it was pointed out that he had since received praise from the far left.

It is understood that Mr Blunkett, who came top of the constituency section poll in the executive elections this week, and is one of the most powerful figures in the party, felt justified in bringing his own authority and local government expertise to bear on the Liverpool council leaders.

The council has been put on the spot but there is pessimism among party leaders and in the union movement about the outcome of the talks that will take place between the leaders of eight trade unions and the council.

Those talks, it emerged last night, are not likely to take place until the week after next, and one of the explanations appears to be the fear that militants will use the talks and the promised visit of Mr Kinnock, for propaganda purposes.

The union leaders will ask the council to withdraw the redundancy notices it has issued to staff, open the books and proceed with demands for an independent inquiry. But they are not convinced of the council's readiness to respond.

The most likely solution, if one is to be achieved, will be the spending of £27 million allocated tothe council's capital account for next year to pay for housing maintenance and repairs this year, thus enabling it to balance its books. Raising rates or rents is thought to be unpalatable. But there are doubts among shadow ministers whether all that £27 million is still available.

Voting figures for NEC elections, 1985

Division 1 (trade unions), 12 members required.
C Ambler, 4,082,000 (elected); E Clarke, 3,356,000 (elected); T Clarke, 4,997,000 (elected); G Collins, 3,281,000 (elected); K G Cure, 4,651,000 (elected); J Golding, 2,729,000; E Haigh, 4,260,000 (elected); N Hough, 5,117,000 (elected); E D Hoyle, 3,196,000; S Kelly, 2,811,000; A Kilson, 5,454,000 (elected); E O'Brien, 3,360,000 (elected); J O'Neill, 641,000; R A Rosser, 1,874,000; J Sawyer, 4,520,000 (elected); J F Speilar, 1,437,000; B Switze4, 3,218,000; S Tierney, 4,887,000 (elected); C E Turnock, 4,996,000 (elected).
Division 2 (socialist organizations) one member required:
J Evans, 39,000 (elected); G Lane, 2,000; S Newens, 25,000.
Elections for Treasurer, one member required:
A Booth, 1,773,000; S McCluskie, 4,805,000 (elected).
Division 3 (constituency Labour parties), seven members required:
J Ashley, 158,000; T Benn, 503,000 (elected); D Blunkett, 542,000 (elected); R Cook, 200,000; D Crawforth, –; T Dalyzell, 268,000; D Davies, 78,000; N Gallagher, 4,000; E Heffer, 414,000 (elected); G Kaufman, 214,000; J McDonnell, 18,000; A McKay, 8,000; M Meacher, 480,000 (elected); C Quinn, 6,000; G Radice, 38,000; J Richardson, 399,000 (elected); G Robertson, 18,000; D Skinner, 512,000 (elected); J Straw, 70,000; A Wise, 317,000 (elected).
Division 4 (women members), five members required:
D Abbott, 1,426,000; M Beckett 3,691,000 (elected); B Boothroyd, 4,496,000 (elected); S Christophas, 3,000; A Clwyd, 1,412,000; A Davis, 3,140,000; G Dunwoody, 4,886,000 (elected); D Jeuda, 2,677,000; J Maynard, 3,702,000 (elected); P Olley, 670,000; C Short, 1,973,000; R Short 4,674,000 (elected); P Urwin, 2,000; M Vallins, 89,000.

Report on shootings by police go to DPP

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Police reports on the shooting by officers of Mrs Cherry Groce in Brixton last weekend and John Shorthouse in Birmingham in August are to be studied by Sir Thomas Hetherington, Director of Public Prosecutions.

The report on John Shorthouse, aged five, who died during a raid on his father's home, has already been completed by Mr Joe Mounsey, assistant chief constable of Lancashire, who was appointed to investigate the incident by the Police Complaints Authority.

Mr Roland Moyle, deputy chairman of the authority, said yesterday that the report on the Brixton incident by Mr John Domaille, assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire, would also be sent to the DPP because of public disturbance over the shootings.

Mr Moyle said the authority was also considering drawing up its own report, to be prepared by one of its members, Brigadier John Pownall, on the question of the police and firearms. This would be submitted to the Home Secretary if reports raised issues on the general use of firearms by the police.

Mr Moyle said the findings of the two reports may eventually be published either in full or part.

Both Mr Moyle and Mr Vincent Moore, the authority member overseeing the Groce inquiry, were at pains yesterday to emphasize the independence of the investigation.

Mr Moyle denied any suggestion of a whitewash and said people "must give us the chance to show what we can do. If they still want to maintain their critical attitude at the end of the day, that is their right".

Mr Moore said any inquiry would have to use police investigators in some form because they were the people with the investigative skill.

He said: "It is far more important who controls the investigation than who does the investigation. The investigator reports to the authority".

Cuts expected in Sealink Channel Islands services

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

Cuts in staff and possibly in services are expected to be announced today by Sealink's Channel Islands and Cherbourg division based in Southampton, which is believed to be suffering losses of more than £5 million a year after a costly reorganization and stronger competition by air and sea.

Talks are taking place with unions to reduce the 800 staff. Reductions in the daily service of four ships to and from the Channel Islands from Portsmouth and Weymouth, are also being considered.

The luxury service from Portsmouth, including dinner, cabin, and breakfast, may also go.

Since being privatized two years ago, Sealink has faced new competition from Channel Island Ferries, operating a £46 return against Sealink's £58 from Weymouth and £118 from Portsmouth.

Co-op bans all South African goods

From Peter Davenport
Manchester

Co-operative Retail Services, the largest group of retailers within the co-operative movement with 800 shops and stores throughout England and Wales, announced an immediate ban yesterday on all South African produce, the first such move by a retailing group in this country.

At the same time CWS, the movement's supply and manufacturing division, announced new policies aimed at eliminating all contact with South African goods.

The Co-op headquarters in Manchester said: "These moves will not be reconsidered until and unless we see the abandonment of apartheid and a more humanitarian regime in South Africa."

The Co-op, which has 8.5 million members, is the country's largest retailer. In 1984 it had an annual turnover of £4.6 billion, almost a quarter of which was accounted for by the CRS.

The CRS said yesterday that it had overcome difficulties in obtaining products of the right quality and value from other sources. Meditteranean countries and Brazil were among the new sources.

To bring about a total South African boycott CWS is putting a four-point package into operation.

It will: ensure that no goods packed under the Co-op label are imported from South Africa; eliminate all ingredients known to originate from South Africa from goods produced in CWS factories; refrain from buying any proprietary brands produced, processed or packaged in South Africa; and ban all imports of citrus and other fruits from there.

● The 14-month anti-apartheid strike by 11 shopworkers at the Dunnes Stores supermarket chain in Dublin is continuing in spite of the intervention a fortnight ago by Mr Ruairi Quinn, the Irish labour minister.

A peace formula failed after Dunnes management said that it would take "considerable time" for them to find alternative sources of supply.

Offer to save baby rejected

By Richard Owen and
Christine Toomey

The Russians have rejected a British offer to fly a Moscow boy, aged nine months to London for life-saving heart surgery.

The boy, Yuri Sobol, who is suffering from a complicated triple heart defect, is to be treated instead by Czechoslovak surgeons, the Soviet Health Ministry said yesterday.

The British Embassy in Moscow had conveyed the free offer from the Hospital for Sick children in Great Ormond Street, London and the Department of Health and Social Security, after it was learnt that Soviet surgeons were unable to perform the operation.

The baby's parents said last night that they had not been informed of the ministry's decision but they had wanted their son to go to London for treatment.

Author's gift

The writer, Catherine Cookson, has given a £32,000 grant to Newcastle University to enable four school-leavers to become library assistants there.

Whitehall fire

Fire damaged the spectacular Durbar Court, where Queen Victoria once presided over military parades, and burnt out seven rooms at the Foreign office in Whitehall yesterday causing several hundred thousand pounds damage.

Costs request

Lancashire Police Committee, faced with a huge security operation for the Conservative Party conference at Blackpool next week is to ask the Government to pay the costs, which could reach £1 million.

New union chief

The Society of Civil and Public Servants has appointed Mr Eddie Reilly as deputy general secretary to succeed Mr Campbell Christie.

Maxwell move

Mr Robert Maxwell, chariman of the Mirror newspaper group, has called for talks with Lord Thomson of Fleet, head of the International Thomson Organization, on the Thomson Withy Grove printing complex in Manchester.

Sentence cut

Richard Alan Hayes, aged 31, described as "Raffles" at his trial after admitting burgling Waddesdon Manor, near Aylesbury, and stealing antiques worth £750,000, had his 15-year jail sentence reduced to 12 years by the Court of Appeal in London yesterday. The antiques were recovered.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75, Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 70 cents; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mkk 9.00; France Frs 8.00; Germany DM 3.50; Gibraltar 60p; Greece Dr 150; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2500; Luxembourg Lf 45; Madeira Esc 170; Malta 35c; Morocco Dir 10.00; Norway Kr 9.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 170; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 9.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 80.00; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 350

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Heathrow: the flawed 'jewel'

Four men jailed for theft of travellers' cheques worth millions of dollars

Four men were jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for their roles in the theft of travellers' cheques worth millions of dollars at Heathrow Airport.

Passing sentence, Judge Michael Argyle, QC, said that the airport, which should be a "jewel in the crown", was "rife with corruption".

"It is alarming to learn of the widespread fear and dishonesty which has gone on there in the past, and the enormous temptations which face people working there," he said.

The various security authorities, including police, customs men Post Office investigators and airport officials, had "overlapped to be ineffective".

"The clearest evidence in this trial is that the security system leaks like a sieve".

The judge also criticized airport unions and staff who resented being searched. "I am merely the judge here and it is not for me to say what should be done. But it seems to me that someone ought to go through it like an east wind", he said.

David Rooke, aged 48, an airport loader, of Hopper Road, Hayes, west London, who carried out four thefts of huge quantities of travellers' cheques, was jailed for 10 years. He was made criminally bankrupt in the sum of £598,930.

Trevor Webb, aged 41, a baggage handler, of Oakleigh Court, Avenue Road, Southall, west London, who had admited receiving stolen travellers' cheques, was jailed for seven years. He was made bankrupt in the sum of £267,387.

Walter Gleeson, aged 49, of Wilberforce Court, Kings Drive, Edgware, north-west London, who was a receiver of the cheques and arranged distribution and encashment, was also jailed for seven years. He was made criminally bankrupt in the sum of £128,492.

Andrew Leitch, aged 60, of Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale, London, who admitted cashing the stolen travellers' cheques abroad, was jailed for five years. He was made subject to a bankruptcy order for £57,686.

Rooke and Gleeson had both pleaded not guilty. The offences took place between November 1981 and Febbruary 1983.

The court was told that consignments of travellers' cheques intended for South Africa and Hong Kong were taken from aircraft holds before take-off, and passed to members of international syndicates in the United Kingdom and Western Europe, who used forged passports to cash them.

Mr Michael Kalisher, for the prosecution said: "The sheer speed and expense of the distribution and encashment makes it clear that thee was involved a really professional team of criminals".

Those cashing the cheques used only large denominations because it was more profitable and there was less risk. There was no doubt that "other people" were concerned in the thefts.

The thieves were careful to steal cheques intended for a long flight so that they could be disposed of before the thefts were discovered. The cheques belonged to American Express and Barclays Bank.

A tremendous difficulty for the police was the attitude of unions representing aircraft workers, who objected to their members being searched. They insisted that an airport employee could be searched only if seen carrying something to which he was not entitled.

Det Constable Patrick Clark, who headed the investigation and was commended By the judge, had to contend with "union problems" throughout, but gained "ctain concessions" which led to the arrests.

A police raid he lockers of airport employees revealed a huge quantity of other stolen property

Journey fraught with dangers

By Patricia Clough and Stewart Tendler

Once a traveller's suitcase is checked in at an airport and disappears from sight on a black conveyor belt it embarks on a journey fraught with dangers.

The most common misadventure that can befall it is to get lost. Most turn up a day or so later in some other part of the world and are returned with apologies to the owner.

Much worse, and airports and airlines do not like to publicize how much this happens, the case or its contents are stolen. It happens everywhere but Heathrow, rightly of wrongly and the management says wrongly, has the worst reputation. The Press have dubbed it "Thiefrow".

The conveyor takes the luggage into the bowels of the airport where it is sorted, partly automatically and partly by hand, and put on motorized trolleys for loading on the aircraft.

Cases go astray if the check-in person puts on the wrong destination label, or if the handlers sort it on to the wrong aircraft. The new Terminal Four at Heathrow is to have a system of lasers which will read the labels and, it is hoped, sort the luggage more accurately than at present.

It is also in the sorting system that a suitcase can be opened, most luggage locks are simple to pick and the softer cases ones can be cut, and the valuables removed. The other, even bigger danger point, is in the hold of the plane where a thief can operate unseen.

A two-year investigation by men from the Serious Crimes Squad at Heathrow Airport lay behind yesterday's successful prosecution. The team 'targeted Rooke as a possible source of material leaving the airport but the key was the arrest of Webb.

After receiving a tip about Webb he was arrested and under questioning began to make confessions which led police back to Rooke.

Rooke was arrested, shown the statements made by Webb and began to name people himself. Police learnt how mail bags were stolen from holds, how bags holding travellers cheques could be identified by security tags or just the feel of the contents and believe there may also have been inside information from someone in American Express.

The arrest of Webb and Rooke led them to Gleeson, one of the distributors and Leitch, an encasher.

Tips for travellers

- Watch carefully that the check-in person puts the right destination label on your luggage.
- Do not pack money or jewellery in suitcases if you can avoid it.
- If you must, at least pack it in a cheap cardboard case tied with plenty of string. It looks uninteresting and anyway difficult to open.
- Remember briefcases look particularly tempting. Herr Alwin Schockemoehle, the West German showjumper, leaving Heathrow after winning several prizes in Britain, was worried that his leather briefcase, containing £3,400 in notes, two watches and a shirt, could be stolen at the airport so he checked it in. When he got to West Germany all he got back was his case, with the flashy combination locks ripped off and a shirt only inside.

Mr David Claxton, of Pobjoy Mint, holds an Isle of Man 10oz gold "Angel", valued at about £2,500 and the one-tenth of an ounce coin, worth about £30, launched yesterday at the Money 85 show at Olympia, west London, (Photograph: John Voos).

13.7% rise for top directors

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent

Managing directors had a total average earnings increase in the past year, including bonuses and shares of the profits, of 13.7 per cent, twice *the rate of inflation*.

Their remuneration averaged £41,029 in the year to July against £36,092 the previous year. Average earnings increases for the whole economy were 8.8 per cent.

The figures, published in the latest annual executive salary survey by Inmucon Management Consultants, show that top directors were paid an average salary of £37,588, a rise of *11.4* per cent. The overall average for other directors was £27,706, a rise of 10 per cent.

The survey covered 1,885 *directors, including* 452 *managing directors*. The average age of the managing directors was 49 and they had been with their companies for 17 years; all but 1 per cent of them had company cars.

Managing directors' salaries ranged from £23,484 in the smallest companies to £94,477 in the largest, and the highest paid director in the survey received more than £180,000.

***Out of a matched sample of* 5,535 executives, however, 507 had a gross increase of less than 5 per cent; 3,217 had 5 to 10 per cent, 1,104 had 10 to 15 per cent, and 797 received more than 15 per cent.**

The survey shows that the best payers are the banking, finance and business services companies, where salaries are about 13 per cent greater than the average for all sectors.

Inbucon's typical British executive is aged 45, has been in his present job for five years and his present company for 13 years. He earns 21,003, takes home £15,976 after tax, and probably receives a bonus of about £2,700.

***He has a company car and is* in a contributory pension scheme to which he pays 5 to 7 per cent of his salary.**

The 24th Inbucon Annual Survey of Executive Salaries and Fringe Benefits (Inbucon Salary Research, 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RN, £125).

Proportion of directors receiving fringe benefits

	1980 %	1985 %
Top hat pension	17.5	25.0
Company car	72.4	79.7
Allowance for own car	8.9	4.8
Subsidized lunches	71.3	61.8
Subsidized housing	0.9	0.5
House purchase assice	6.3	10.4
Life assurance		
Up to 3 x salary	59.0	54.9
Over 3 x salary	31.9	39.6
Medical insurance	57.9	71.3
Share option scheme	9.6	35.1
Share purchase scheme	5.2	13.1
Low-interest loans	7.0	9.1
Telephone allowance	n/a	33.3
Bonus	36.6	44.1

Parents are happy but unmarried

By Thomson Prentice

Most illegitimate children are born to parents who choose not to marry but live together in stable relationships, according to Government figures published yesterday.

Far fewer teenage girls who become pregnant and then register details of the father, marry while they are pregnant, than 12 years ago.

But the proportion of births to teenage girls registered as illegitimate on the information of both the mother and father increased four-fold between 1973 and 1983, from 11 to 40 per cent.

The increases were smallest for teenage girls in the non-manual social classes, the figures show.

A sample of births registered during last year and 1983 has shown that most parents jointly registering illegitimate births were resident at the same address. This was particularly so of those aged over 20.

"From this it seems likely that the mother and father had a stable relationship and were taking joint responsibility. for the welfare of the newly-born child," the report says.

Such jointly registerd illegitimate births now represent 61 per cent of all illegitimate births in England and Wales.

Population Trends 41 (Autumn 1985). (Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, Stationery Office, £4.50).

Men from north-east drink most

By Our Science Correspondent

Men in alcoholic "black-spots" such as Merseyside and the North-east drink much more than those in other parts of Britain and single men are heavier drinkers than their married friends.

Regional and social differences in drinking habits will lead to more government emphasis on prevention and education campaigns being tailored to local conditions, Mr Ray Whitney, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health, said yesterday.

Mr Whitney was announcing publication of a government report on drinking habits in four health regions, Merseyside, Northern, East Anglian and Trent.

Merseyside and Northern are "high risk" regions with the highest rates in England and Wales for death from cirrhosis of the liver.

In the high-risk regions, 17 per cent of men in poorer neighbourhoods such as housing estates drink the equivalent of more than 25 pints of beer a week, compared with only 6 or 7 per cent of men in East Anglia . or Trent, where alcohol problems are lowest.

In a separate initiative, the Scottish Health Education Group yesterday published a book designed to "catch people well before their problem drinking becomes alcoholic". Most Scots drink moderately, but research shows that about 30 per cent of alcohol is consumed by about 3 per cent of the Scottish population.

So you want to cut down your drinking. (SHEG, c/o Network Scotland Ltd, 74 Victoria Crescent Road, Glasgow, free).

Differences in drinking patterns between selected regions, (Stationary Office, £12.00).

Man loses dominance in new Bible

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

The first non-sexist *Bible* to be published in Britain was launched yesterday. The revisers have systematically changed expressions such as "any man" into "anyone", but have kept the masculine, especially for God, on the grounds that this is faithful to the original.

The *New Jerusalem Bible*, a complete revision of the famous *Jerusalem Bible* which has become a standard, comes from the same publishers, Darton *Longman and Todd*. Roman Catholic in inspiration, the Jerusalem has been widely used in Protestant churches and by scholars of all denominations. Among the revisions has been the eliminations of any pro-Catholic denominational bias, which was present particularly in foot notes to the oringinal Jerusalem translation.

As well as the use of sexually inclusive language, the new edition is designed to read better in public, with what the *publishers call more "dignity"* The Beatitudes, which in the original Jerusalem version began with "Happy are the . . ." have been switched back to the more traditional and familiar "Blessed are the . . ."

The phrase "Man does not live by bread alone" becomes "Human beings live not on bread alone" in the new version; in a gruesome passage *from Levititcus "If a swelling* or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin" becomes ". . . on someone's skin." In the same passage "man becomes "person"; but Aaron's sons remain his sons, as that was the original meaning.

The editor of the revised translation, Father Henry Wansbrough, a monk of Ampleforth Abbey, said yesterday that he had found certain downright inaccuracies in the original *Jerusalem Bible*, and corrected them.

The main appeal of the revised edition will be to students and scholars, however as this is the first translation to reflect the up-to-date state of bibical studies.

New Jerusalem Bible.. (Dapton Longman and Todd, £25).

Police pay innocent man's costs of £15,000

The police were ordered by a judge to pay costs of £15,000 incurred by Mr Roc Sandford, a publisher, who was acquitted yesterday of illegally possessing 1.54 grammes of cannabis.

It is believed to be the highest sum awarded against the police.

Mr Sandford claimed that police had planted the cannabis during a raid at a nightclub in Soho, London.

The jury at Knightsbridge Crown Court took just 15 minutes to acquit Mr Sandford, aged 27, of the Soho Book Company, Brewer Street. He was arrested at The Pink Panther in Wardour Street on March 29 last year, when officers from West End Central police station carried out a licensing raid.

Mr John Mathew, QC, for the defence, said: "The drugs in this charge came from a stock kept at West End Central for the purpose of planting on people".

The court was told that Inspector Norman McGowan, the officer in charge of the raid, was suspended from duty awaiting trial on charges of perverting the course of justice by not accounting for drugs.

Judge Pownall, QC, ordered that police costs should be paid from central funds.

Writers outline cash-raising plan for BBC

By David Hewson

The Society of Authors has criticized the standards of the BBC and called for future licence fees to be pegged to the rate of inflation.

In evidence yesterday to the Peacock committee, which is examining the corporation's funding, the society suggested that the Central Office of Information should pay for public service messages by national institutions on the BBC.

The submission sas that the corporation should increase its income through a charge for broadcasting public information, a grant for educational programmes, accepting sponsorship, and the introduction of a car radion licence. If all other methods failed, advertising ought to be confined to Radio 1 and BBC 1.

Lighthouse keeper wins job claim

A former lighthouse keeper has been awarded £1,800 in compensation and lost payments after an industrial tribunal was told conditions on a Bristol Channel lighthouse were like a "Victorian slum".

The tribunal at Cardiff was told keepers at the Smalls lighthouse off South Wales were forced to wash in a plastic bowl in the kitchen because there was no shower.

Mr John Clarke, aged 33, an assistant keeper, complained about the conditions when he was first stationed at the lighthouse in August 1983.

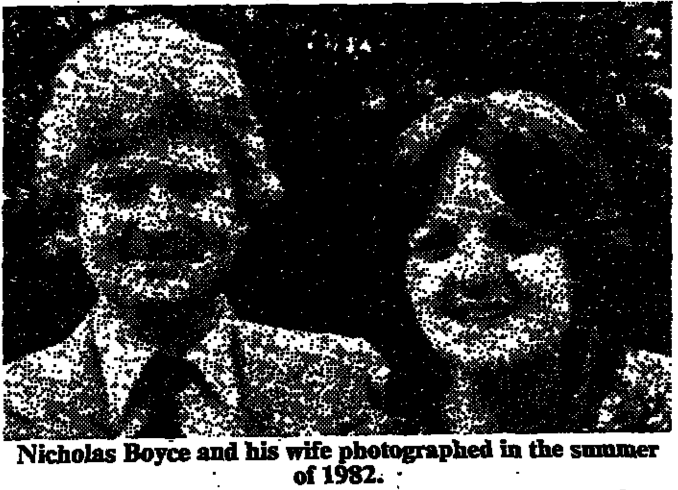
A year later, when improvements had still not been made, Mr Clarke had refused to go back until a shower was installed. He was dismissed by Trinity House, which runs Britain's lighthouses.

Mr David Vennings, a Trinity House engineer, told the hearing that a shower was not installed because of electrical problems and expense.

Another assistant keeper, Mr Peter Riches, in a report to Trinity House, said: "We stood in a plastic washing-up bowl every time we wanted to wash – that was the closest we got to a shower. This is the oldest Trinity House station and has the reputation of being the worst."

Trinity House agreed that Mr Clarke had been unfairly dismissed but said he had contributed to his dismissal.

The tribunal was told that a shower was installed three months after Mr Clarke's dismissal.



Nicholas Boyce and his wife photographed in the summer of 1982.

Man 'mad with anger' when he strangled wife

A husband who told a jury yesterday that he got a job as a cleaner to please his nagging wife described how he beat and strangled her and hacked her body to pieces.

Nicholas Boyce, aged 37, an economics graduate, told the Central Criminal Court: "I killed her because I was terrified of her and she had tormented me. There was no way I could stop her. I could not take the humiliation any longer. I was so mad with anger."

Mr Boyce, of Morris House, Roman Road, Bethnnal Green, east London, has pleaded not guilt to murdering his wife, Christobel, aged 32, a mother of two and former nanny to Lord Lucan's children.

Mr Boyce said that after a "blazing" argument in January he lost control, head-butted his wife and strangled her with the flex from a tape recorder.

"I kept the pressure up for two minutes. When I came back to my senses she was lying outstretched and looked dead. I was completely stunned.

He told the jury that he decided to dismember the body using a saw and a carving knife and it took him five hours. "I cooked the bones and boiled the flesh and later put the parts in plastic bags and left them in different parts of London".

The hearing continues today.

Cash prizes are bait for ailing seaside resorts

With coastal resorts still counting the *cost of the wettest* summer for years, more than 50 local authorities in England sent representatives to London yesterday lured by an English Tourist Board competition offering cash aid to revive the *fortunes of seaside towns* (Our Industrial Editor, writes).

The tourist board seems to be prepared to offer about £200,000 to each of two winning resorts. A similar amounnt, in reviving Bristol's *old docks* area, produced additional investment of about £10 million.

Resorts entering the competition will have to produce crediblemarketing and development plans to take them into the *next century*. The winners will get advice from the board as well as financial aid.

Smokers risk child's health

Children whose parents smoke inhale the equivalent of up to 80 cigarettes a year, a definite risk to their health, a report in the *British Medical Journal* says today.

The non-smoking schoolchildren studied in a survey taken in Bristol for the Health Education Council had chemicals in their saliva which represented the effects of 50 cigarettes a year where the mother smoked, and 30 cigarettes a year if the father smoked.

Car comparisons

Volkswagen is top in guide

By Clifford Webb Motoring Correspondent

Ford and Austin Rover, the two leading car makers in Britain, do not have a model among the 16 chosen by the Consumers' Association magazine *Which?* as "best buys" in its latest guide to buying new and used cars.

That contrasts with Vauxhall, the General Motors company, which has three: The Nova, Astra and Cavalier.

The cars most favoured by the 25,000 motorists who took part in the survey, and on which the guide is based, were the West German Volkswagen/Audi. They had a joint top rating in four of the five categories.

Japanese cars made a good showing, with three Nissan, two Toyota and a Honda praised.

In making its selection, *Which?* places special emphasis on reliability because its regular surveys show that it has the highest priority for most car-buyers.

It claims that reliability is poor on Ford's latest Fiesta, XR3i and 1.6 Sierra and Cortina that is now out of production. On the other hand, the bodywork of Granada, Capri, Mark 3 Escort and Fiesta is "lasting well".

Austin Rovers of all ages are reported to be "beset by persistent problens". The exception is the Honda-designed Triumph Acclaim recently replaced by the Rover 213 and 216.

Which! recommendations in each class are: bargain basement, Citroen Visa and Fiat Uno; small hatch-back, Nissan Micra, Vauxhall Nova, VW Polo; small family car, Nissan Sunny, Toyota Corolla, Vauxhall Astra, VW Golf; larger family cars, Audi 80, Honda Accord, Toyota Carina, Vauxhall Cavalier; executive car, Audi 100 and Volvo 200; high-roof estate, Nissan Prairie.

Ford said last night: "We really are getting tired of the same old criticisms in *Which!* based on very small survey samples of each model. We know from our own much more detailed monitoring that there have been great strides in the improvement of quality and reliability".

Austin Rover said: "The criticism of the Maestro and Montigo is at complete variance with the increasing success of those cars. People do not buy failures and especially not the big fleet buyers who are going for Montigo in a big way".

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Multiple sclerosis is a disease without mercy. Often tearing apart the lives of people who were living them to the full.

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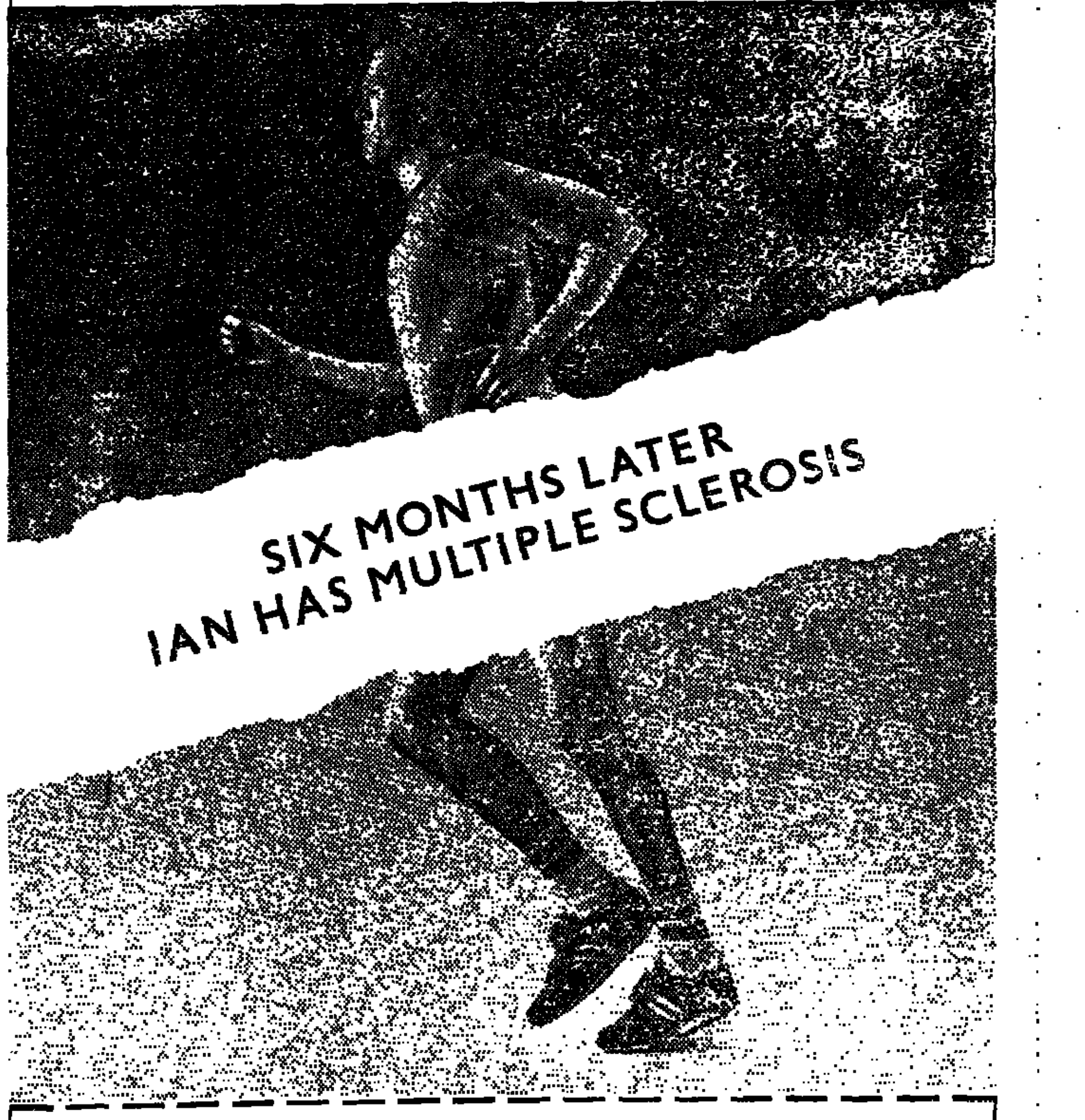

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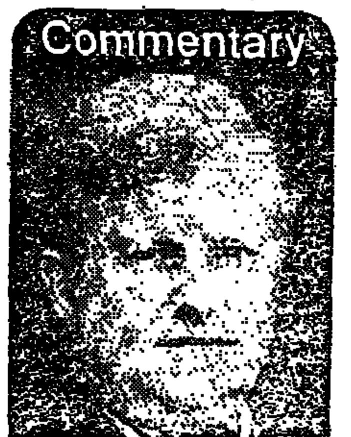


Geoffrey Smith

When Mr Neil Kinnock became leader of the Labour Party it was widely interpreted as marking a return to the Wilsonian style of leadership. The essence of this style is tactical dexterity: the conflicting forces within the party are kept in balance by a flexible leader with a background on Labour's pragmatic left.

By contrast. Mr Callaghan offered leadership from the party's pragmatic right, and Mr Foot from the sentimental left. Before all of them there had been the Gaitskellite style of confrontation leadership from the right.

The styles were as different as the personalities, and this week *it has become a evident* that Mr Kinnock too has a distinctive method of leadership. No longer is it Wilsonian, no longer is it primarily tactical. But neither is it a simple return to Gaitskellism, as many people have suggested. It is rather Gaitskellism from *the left of centre.*

Kinnock out of step on defence

The distinction is, I believe, critical to an appreciation of where the Labour Party stands at the end of this tumultuous week. Mr Kinnock has confronted the extremists more directly and more passionately than any Labour leader since Gaitskell, even allowing for Mr Callaghan's readiness to spell out some home truths to his party when Prime Minister.

Mr Kinnock has now added an extra dimension to a pleasing personality. His leadership will, I am sure, be a considerable electoral asset to the party. The country understands the need for courage in a national leader, and is all the more likely to appreciate it when combined with a sense of humour.

The more he is seen to be in control the more are Labour's fortunes likely to rise.

But it is too simple to assume that if Mr Kinnock rules everything will be OK for Labour. One of the features of this week is how little of the conference's nervous energy has been devoted to policy. Once again the party has been obsessed with its own internal affairs.

Not much of the conversation outside the conference hall has been about what a future Labour government would do.

The signs that there have been are not altogether encouraging. Mr Kinnock has provided abundant reassurance that he would lead with courage, but he might not always take the country in a direction that the majority of the electorate would like. He has adopted the confrontational style of Gaitskell, but his policies are by no means Gaitskellite.

That is most evident in the case of defence. The conference rejected calls yesterday to take Britain out of Nato, but the commitment to a non-nuclear defence policy, with the removal of American bases, was reaffirmed from the platform.

In other words, a Labour government would keep Britain within the Western alliance while pursuing a policy that would gravely undermine it.

All the signs are that Mr Kinnock remains a convinced unilateralist. Those of us who have been applauding the strength of his other convictions this week should be all the more ready to respect his sincerity when we disagree with him.

But there should be no illusions. On defence. Mr Kinnock personally, and the Labour Party officially, are still clearly out of step with majority opinion in Britain.

Nor can there be any confidence that an economic policy that would accord so much influence to the unions will win public approval. The days of the social contract are not recalled as a golden age of British economic management.

There is a limit to how much it is reasonable to expect any single party conference to accomplish. The battle for control of the Labour Party has to be won by the moderates before its policies will be taken seriously by the general public.

Labour will not recapture office simply by winning that battle. The Liberals and Social Democrats are also under moderate control. The Labour leadership will need to win confidence for its policies as well.

The party has had a better conference that it had any reason to expect at the beginning of the week. It has avoided a danger. There lies ahead the more complex task of showing that it has the capacity to meet Britain's problems, as well as its own.

Put Britain first or be punished, Hattersley warns the City

Reports by Robert Morgan, John Winder, Stephen Goodwin, Howard Underwood and Barbara Day

Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party and chief economic spokesman, warned the City of London that if it invested abroad rather than in Britain it would be penalized through the tax system.

Replying to the debate on the economy, Mr Hattersley said that the financial institutions would have to learn that under Labour "they cannot be and will not be an independent power unconcerned with the success of the real economy around them.

"The City of London has to begin to work in the national interest instead of working in its own interest and no one else's".

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, moved a composite resolution calling on the NEC to prepare and publicize a fully-costed programme of action to achieve Labour's economic objectives. It listed commitments to be included in the general election manifesto including re-establishing the role of government in economic planning and identifying a major role for local authorities in the formation and implementation of economic policies.

Since 1979, because of the fall in manufacturing output, imports of manufactured goods had overtaken exports for the first time in 100 years, Mr Todd said. A whole chunk of North Sea revenue was going to meet the import bill. Import controls would be as big a priority as getting extra investment money.

Mr Syd Tierney, on behalf of the National Executive, introduced the two jobs and industry policy documents *Investing in Britain* and *A New Partnership – A New Britain.*

The statements provided a sound and radical alternative to monetarism, rising unemployment and division in society, Mr Tierney, president of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, said.

He described monetarism as the Tory cure that killed. "It kills both industry and jobs and it values nothing that is not measured in pounds. It divides our nation and constantly widens the gap between the rich and the poor."

Both documents were approved.

"If we are accused of daydreaming let us tell them we are dreaming about the next decade. If we are accused of being doctrinaire let us tell them that to be determined to do something about mass unemployment and injustice is a duty."

Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, moved a related composite resolution calling on the next Labour Government, as part of its economic strategy for job creation and industrial recovery, to introduce a comprehensive programme to combat low pay. The resolution called on the NEC to consult on proposals for the implementation of a statutory national minimum wage backed by special enforcement machinery, confidential easy access for complaints and stiff penalties for employers who broke the law.

"They say this week that I rant too much. I wish a lot more of us ranted about the low paid. Why is it that under Thatcher, Tebbit and Fowler and the unelected Lord Young the only way to get the rich to work harder is to give them more money and the only way to get the poor to work harder is to give them less money?"

Mr Praful Patel, prospective parliamentary candidate for Brent North, said full employment was not possible without a tougher policy toward the City.

Mr John Smith, MP for Monklands East and chief spokesman on Trade and Industry, said investment, education and training, and research and developmment were the engines of recovery for the British economy and the Labour Party had positive policies on all these issues.

The National Investment Bank would introduce a new tradition of industrial banking, where proposals were evaluated on the basis of how they would contribnute to the country's wealth and not on the return they could give to the private sector.

Mr Russell Profitt, Lewisham East, said that through investment programmmes, Labour could offer an alternative to the drug culture which was taking over youngsters. They must be offered real jobs, not condemnation.

Mr Hattersley said the NEC supported both composite motions which were packed with positive proposals for the programme of the next Labbour government, as were the two policy documents introduced. The free enterprise system had failed the country and failed working people. The public know that unemployment was not simply a consequence of Conservative policy but an instrument of it.

Labour Party policy was going to be determined by the party conference, not by Lord Rothermere or Lord Matthews and, above all, not by Mr Rupert Murdoch.

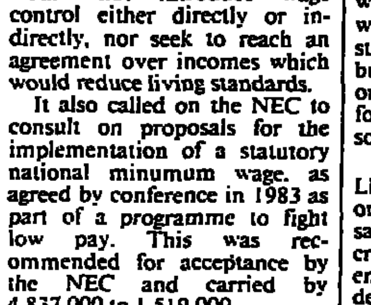
Labour must demonstrate the simple common sense of creating jobs or investing in Britain and the simple absurdity of tolerating a million families in need of decent houses, of hospitals which should have been rebuilt 100 years ago, of sewers falling in, and roads breaking up, and allowing 500,000 construction workers to waste their time and talent on the dole.

A composite motion by the Transport and General Workers' Union calling on the NEC to prepare and publicise a fully costed programme of action to achieve Labour's economic objectives and detailing that programme was carried on a show of hands.

A motion calling for campaign to halt the decline of Britain's research and development effort, tabled by the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs, was carried on a show of hands.

On a card vote, a clear two thirds majority was obtained for a composite motion on low pay from National Union of Public Employees pledging that the next Labour Government would not introduce wage control either directly or indirectly, nor seek to reach an agreement over incomes which would reduce living standards.

It also called on the NEC to consult on proposals for the implementation of a statutory national minumum wage, as agreed by conference in 1983 as part of a programme to fight low pay. This was recommended for acceptance by the NEC and carried by 4,837,000 to 1,519,000.



Mr Bickerstaffe, who urged a fight on low pay.

Mr Hattersley, warning the City

Nato wins a large majority

A motion urging the next Labour government to take Britain out of Nato was rejected by 5,529,000 votes to 965,000. A resolution seeking a report from the NEC on Britain's relationship to Nato was defeated by 3,863,000 votes to 2,469,000.

A motion calling for a plan on research, development, testing and deployment of space weapons was carried by 4,079,000 votes to 2,284,000. It had been proposed by the London Co-operative Retail Services, political committee.

An emergency motion from Orpington was carried calling on the parliamentary party to oppose measures which could be rushed through parliament to give US military the right to creative key strategic areas in Britain: to seize property and people, to detain without trial people classed as subversive: to create ad hoc courts to replace the British judicial system and to restrict citizens' movements.

A composite motion reaffirming policies of nuclear disarmament was carried on a show of hands. It called for a campaign to gather support for that policy.

Mr Peter Day, Eastbourne, said that Labour should reaffirm its support for unilateral nuclear disarment. There must be no fudging on that. It was a vote winner, not a vote loser. It would not be achieved by wering badges, going on demonstrations and signing petitions, but only by the force of organized labour. The struggle for peace was the struggle for socialism.

Mr Denzil Davies, MP for Llanelli and chief spokesman on defence and disarmament, said Labour would send all cruise missiles back and would ensure proper parliamentary debate and accountability on the awful emergency powers recently brought to light.

Labour would campaign vigorously for a non-nuclear defence policy and to cancel Trident. They would campaign for strong conventional defence in Nato and work with socialist colleagues in Europe to change Nato strategy on first use of nuclear weapons.

Lord Brockway received a standing ovation at the end of a speech in which he said he hoped by his 100th birthday, in three years, to rejoice in the ending of nuclear weapons and the beginning of world disarmament.

Apartheid doomed, Healey says

The wind of change in Africa was now a hurricane, Mr Denis Healey, chief foreign affairs spokesman, said during a debate on South Africa.

Behind the horrific images of storm troopers of the apartheid regime beating, torturing and imprisoning representatives of the black majority there lay a new reality: Apartheid was now doomed.

President Botha was trying to revive the corpse. His one *remaining friend in the world* was Mrs Thatcher.

The duty of the conference was to respond to appeals to pile on the economic pressure against the South African government until it engaged in talks about the burying of apartheid with the representatives of the black majority.

Labour should support a voluntary boycott of South African goods.

"Mrs Thatcher has covered this country with shame by standing out alone as the bodyguard of apartheid. We can rescue the reputation of Britain by supporting sanctions against South Africa and every support we can offer to the African National Congress".

An appeal to the Government to impose comprehensive sanctions against Pretoria was made by Mr Oliver Tambo, president of the ANC.

Trade unionists imposing their own sanctions should not worry about Africans missing a meal. The bellies of those who are shot were empty anyway while the bellies of those who pulled the triggers were filled to obscenity. "Stop feeding them and giving them the strength to take more lives", he said.

Short listing of women defeated

Delegates rejected demands to guarantee women places on candidate selection short lists for parliamentary and local elections. The plan, supported by the NEC, was defeated by 3,875,000 votes to 1,731,000 in a card vote.

A proposal to allow female NEC members to be elected solely on the votes of women was defeated by 4,697,000 votes to 1,643,000.

Today's debates

The conference ends today with debates on lesbian and gay rights, drug addiction and civil and human rights.

Delegates reject 'idiocy' of blanket nationalization

Mr David Blunkett, leader of Sheffield City Council, warned delegates against demands for wholesale nationalization. He described calls, such as that by the Militant Tendency, for control of 250 top companies as "idiocy" which alientated ordinary working people.

Speaking on behalf of the National Executive Committee, Mr Blunkett advocated flexible forms of public ownership including partnership with the private sector and action through enterprise boards and the co-operative movement.

A motion calling for the next Labour government to take into public ownership at least 25 of the top privately owned manufacturing companies was rejected by 3,429,000 votes to 2,939,000. The NEC opposed the motion on the grounds that they were "not at all certain of the practicalities", Mr Ken Cure advised delegates.

A motion tightening up the party's terms of compensation to shareholders in the event of renationalization by a Labour government was remitted to the NEC for further consideration. If British Gas is privatized Labour should renationalize it with compensation "on the basis of proven need only", the motion said.

Party policy is for compensation on the basis of no speculative gain. The NEC therefore had no difficulty accepting another motion calling on a Labour administration to take back into State ownership all assets privatized by the present Government, paying only "the price at the time of purchase".

The conference also passed a motion from the National Union of Public Employees calling for the return of all privatized services to direct labour. Labour local authorities were urged to "obstruct, delay and refuse to comply" with privatization.

Mr Blunkett said centralized national corporations had undermined the credibility of people's ownership in their own community, "allowing these organizations to become alienated and bureaucratical".

The party had to put on the agenda social ownership which meant something to ordinary working people, with new forms of public ownership. It had to go back to the municipal enterprises that created gas, electricity, water and sewerage undertakings.

The party had to ensure that people were not frightened by the word "nationalization".

"Clause Four the public ownership clause in the party constitution is not a slogan. It is about a way of life. It is about giving freedom to us all."

Mr Bryan Stanley, general secretary of the National Communications Union, said that only through public ownership could people be put before profit. An immediate priority for the next Labour government must be the renationalization of British Telecom. That government must show that never again were private speculators going to get away with ripping off the nation through the sale of public assets at knock-down prices.

Mr Ray Apps, Brighton Kemptown, said that from day one a Labour government would be under siege from the giant monopolies and financial institutions.

Either a Labour government, despite the undoubted determination of Mr Neil Kinnock, would be forced to retreat, as Mitterrand was forced to retreat in France, or Labour took the road of Clause Four.

'Evil' of record unemployment

The September unemployment figures, announced yesterday, were condemned by Mr John Prescott, Labour's employment spokesman. As a further disastrous record of "an evil Government which produces mass unemployment as a deliberate policy".

Mr. Prescott intervened in the public ownership debate to tell delegates the new unemployment total. "It has just been announced that even with the fiddled figures of this Government, unemployment has now risen to 3,346,000 people on the dole. If they had applied the same criteria that is used by the Labour Government, four million is now the level of unemployment. It is higher than we had in the 1930s. It is the highest level recorded in this country."

Mr Robbie Forbes, Wirral South, said there were some people in the conference hall who did not want a Labour government. They would rather have another 10 years of Thatcherism and misery so that there could be revolution on the streets. Labour would lose the election if delegates talked constantly about revolution.

Mr Cure, speaking on behalf of the NEC, said a good craftsman did not pawn his tools, but the Government had gone fuTther. It was throwing them away. Instead, if should ensure that those tools were kept clean, sharp and effective.

Next year the NEC would present a study on common ownership to the conference.

'Socialism with style'

The Labour Party had to bring its public image and organization up to date, Mr Larry Whitty, the new general secretary, said.

"There is no contradiction between socialism and professionalism in the area of communications. We are and we should be the communicators. We are and we should be educators. We are and we should be the people who bring fun and style to people's otherwise drab lives under this Government."

The party needed to improve its sales, marketing and dispatch of information to the membership. It needed to improve its style; to do this it needed money, which meant improving fund-raising.

Management at the party's Walworth Road headquarters in south London was being streamlined and computerized. "In short, we are bringing the party up to date."

Under-comrades clamour for attention

CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

The cockfight over conference turned its attention to the economy and defence. It was too much to expect it would offer recovery time with something less controversial: everything becomes controversial which is not meant to sound derogatory.

The essence of all good theatre is conflict and ideological conflict tops the lot. And that is what these delegates came for.

So here we were again, listening to how far the Labour Party should go in creating a socialist economy; a little tinkering, a statutory minimum wage, a national investment bank, a threat to the City that it has got to work for the national interest instead of working for itself? Or a wholehearted fight for common ownership beginning with nationalization of at least 25 top private manufacturing companies. All good City-shivers/pound-falls stuff, and most of coming from constituency delegates.

They are the under comrades as opposed to the top comrades. They are staunch believers in democracy; they have come to participate and to have their voice heard. It is their only chance as they keep reminding chairman Hadden. They get upset and jealous if they see too many trade union leaders and MPs taking the rostrum. Top comrades can have their say anytime.

The under comrades were not at all impressed when John Prescott, employment spokesman, grabbed the microphone under the guise of a spurious point of order and without so much as a boo from the chairman (top comrades look after each other) to announce the latest unemployment figures.

The under comrades knew what he was up to, all spruced up in a top comrade outfit, dark suit, white shirt, red tie; he was after self-publicity – 15 secs on television news no less.

The UCs spoke out at one point (and not the first time). They challenged the chairman for calling too many TCs. But they had not reckoned with the new firey Hadden who had decided (or been told) to fight back. He'd already said to one UC in a singlet: "Call that a *shirt*?" The tone was one of pure top comrade contempt.

Anyway, when challenged for calling too many TCs, comrade Hadden summoned the computer and dished out the figures. Called so far: 129 constituency delegates, 39 from trade unions, 19 ex-officio and 63 women.

Few were soothed by such statistics; least of all the under-under comrades, the women. The atmosphere in Bournemouth under Labour feels all too macho. It is not just the hangover talk in the mornings.

A few of those who sit in the hall all day may well feel justified in seeking liquid Rennies, as a cure for mental indigestion, but much of it is just men's talk. The women have done their share of complaining about not being called to speak.

They howled in the debate in the miners' amnesty; they wanted a miners' wife to be called. And why not? They howled during the debate on black sections. "Cows", said a Labour MP.

But cows have a way of getting their own back. The Labour Women's Action Committee Revue was the time to put men in their place. Glenys Kinnock became Agentella, forever destined to be a party agent while her ugly brothers became parliamentary candidates.

And Frances Morrell, wearing a Barbara Cartland hat and a Barbara Cartland voice, read a passage from a novel by Chris Mullin, youngish left-winger. The impact of having his patronising prose about women read aloud made even the author squirm. Worse still, it made Jeffrey Archer sound like Solzhenitsyn.

Go for it, Central Office.

And the Labour women had the final word on that cockfight. To the tune of "Do Not Foresake Me, Oh My Darling" they sang:

**"Do not forsake me, oh my party, on confrontation day,
Do not forsake me, oh my party, I want my way.
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Local income tax among proposals on sweeping reform of rating system

By Colin Hughes, Local Government Correspondent

Sweeping reforms of the rates, which would slash central government grants to local councils by at least £5 billion a year and introduce a new "resident's tax", is proposed today in a discussion document published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

The proposals, backed by analysis of their effect on domestic and commercial ratepayers, are aimed at ministers presently haggling about reforms that are expected to be announced at next week's Conservatie Party conference.

Mrs Rita Hale, one of the authors and head of CIPFA's local government division, said yesterday that the proposals aimed to improve local accountability for spending and service decisions by ensuring that most local authority income is raised locally.

The key to the proposed system is that funds for spending on "property services", defined as police, fire, refuse collection, and planning, should be raised by the rates. It would mean that the amount nationally raised by rates now could be cut by almost half, from £13.2 billion to £7.4 billion.

Funds for spending on "personal services", defined education, social services, enviromental health, recreation and others, would come from the new resident's tax, which would be banded in relation to income. Business and industry would pay towards personal services through a *uniform* tax across the country, pooled and re-distributed nationally.

The effect on the Treasury would mean central government spending only £2.5 billion on general grants towards personal services, and nothing towards property services.

Mrs Hale said that the banding of residents' tax on local voters could be adapted *subtley to soften the worst* individual increases on householders. She emphasized that *the proposals included* an abatement, which would be paid by the Treasury, for individuals earning less than £5,000 a year.

On average, rates would be reduced by more than half. Voters would, however, face basic rate resident's tax of between £106 and £241 a year in shire counties, £268 and £358 in metropolitan areas, and £464 in London.

Financing Local Government: A Different Approach (Rita Hale, Noel Hepworth and Maurice Stonefrost, CIPFA, 3 Robert St., London WC2N 6BH, £10).

EFFECT OF INSTITUTE'S PROPOSALS

Source of finance	Now		Proposed	
	£bn	%	£bn	%
Raised from local voters			11.1	44
Raised from tax on domestic property	6.0	24	3.7	15
Raised from tax on non-domestic property	7.2	29	3.7	15
Raised locally and redistributed			3.5	14
Subtotal – raised from local sources	13.2	53	22.0	88
Financed by central government	11.8	47	3.0	12
TOTAL	*25.0*	*100*	*25.0*	*100*

Five areas in crime watch tests

By Stewart Tendler

A new crime prevention initiative using small local co-ordinating groups to test ideas and rouse public interest was announced yesterday by Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Home Office.

Five steering groups involving police, local authorities, social services and schools are being set up in the next few months in Bolton, Croydon, south London, Wellingborough, east Swansea and a new town area of north Tyneside. Each group will be aided by a full-time Home Office co-ordinator over a test period of 12 to 18 months.

In each area the steering groups will study the local crime profile and decide on approaches. These may include the growth of more neighbourhood watch schemes, property marking and better design for public areas.

The Home Office is providing £170,000 for the initiative and staff at its crime prevention unit will analyse the results. Officials believe that ideas such as property marking can be effective and point to a reduction of 40 per cent in burglaries achieved with marking in a South Wales valley.

Army urged to seek officers in ranks

By A Staff Reporter

Up to 1,000 British soldiers are being overlooked as potential candidates for a commission, according to an article in the *British Army Review*, an unclassified monthly journal.

The report suggests that the Army could, at little extra cost, more than double the number of soldiers aged under 25 who are considered by the Regular Commissions Board by re-organizing arrangements for soldier candidates.

"Failure to take this elementary measure is not only unfair to the soldier, but will contribute to a shameful waste of potential officer material," Major Patrick Mileham writes. He is on sabbatical from the Royal Tank Regiment, studying for an M.Phil in International Relations at Corpus Christi, Cambridge.

His study is based on figures first published in *The Times* on February 19 this year, which showed that the proportion of soldiers entering the Army with five or more O-levels (entitling them to sixth form education) has risen from 4.6 per cent in 1974 to 11.9 per cent last year.

About 80 soldiers are taken from the ranks to attempt RCB officer selection, of which a third, on average, are successful.

Major Mileham suggests: "The present unsatisfactory way in which we handle soldier candidates could be greatly improved with the establishment of an All-Arms Soldiers' Potential Officers Wing."

Its main purpose would be to eliminate the two-fold barrier to successful applications from young ranking soldiers: first, their built-in disadvantages arising from "intellectual immaturity" compared with post-sixth form and higher education applicants; secondly, the difficulty which senior officers have in identifying suitable men.

Major Mileham argues that the need for change is urgent because population shifts mean that the Army can expect falling officer applications through usual channels. "All the evidence shows that there is a valuable source of officer recruitment within the ranks of the Army which is still insufficiently tapped."

Possible "starters", he writes, may often be missed because they do not fit in perfectly as soldiers or NCOs, when their ability and personality is actually geared to much wider responsibilities. Such men, in the *ranks, may have to show patience* and become frustrated, curb management instincts, or face *barracking from other soldiers.*

Guide to legal rights of children in care

Many lawyers, social workers and families are ignorant of the complex children in care, according to a guide by the Family Rights Group, published yesterday.

"The decisions about the future of these children are made quickly, but, sadly, the children and their families lose out because they don't know how to exercise their few legal rights, "the author of the booklet, Miss Mary Ryan, said.

Miss Ryan, a full-time solicitor for the group, said that child care legislation was neglected and often misunderstood by lawyers and others. "Unfortunately the law is so complex that many social workers themselves don't fully understand the laws."

The Government is preparing to review child care legislation, but the Family Rights Group booklet is a guide to the present system, which will operate for at lest two more years.

Areas covered include voluntary care, the assumption of parental rights, emergency measures to protect children, and court proceedings. Access applications, wardship, freeing for adoption and the new law on custodianship, to be introduced next month, are also examined.

More fosterparents are takig in children either on a long-term or short-term basis

A Guide to Care and Related Proceedings - (Family Rights Group, 6-9 Manor Gardens, London, N7 6LA, £3, or 50p for parent of a child in care).

Two Scots museums in merger

By Ronald Faux

The most radical amalgamation of museums in Scotland for more than a century takes place this week. The integrated collections of the Royal Scottish Museum and the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland will be known as the Royal Museum of Scotland.

Dr Robert Anderson, its director, said the two complementary collections would create a museum of world significance.

The changes were recommended by the Museum's Advisory Board after criticisms that Scotland's national museums suffered from a shortage of staff and space, with some collections not displayed and others in need of upgrading or better storage.

Under the new structure, the Royal Museum of Scotland will be centred in Chamber Street, Edinburgh, with existing buildings linked to a new museum on an adjoining site. The costs, spread over the next five or six years, will be about £18m.

Six satellite collections and stores will be concentrated at Ingliston, where the Scottish Agricultural Museum is already housed. It will be joined by the aircraft collection from East Fortune airfield and the industrial and technologican collection, which has not yet been on public display.

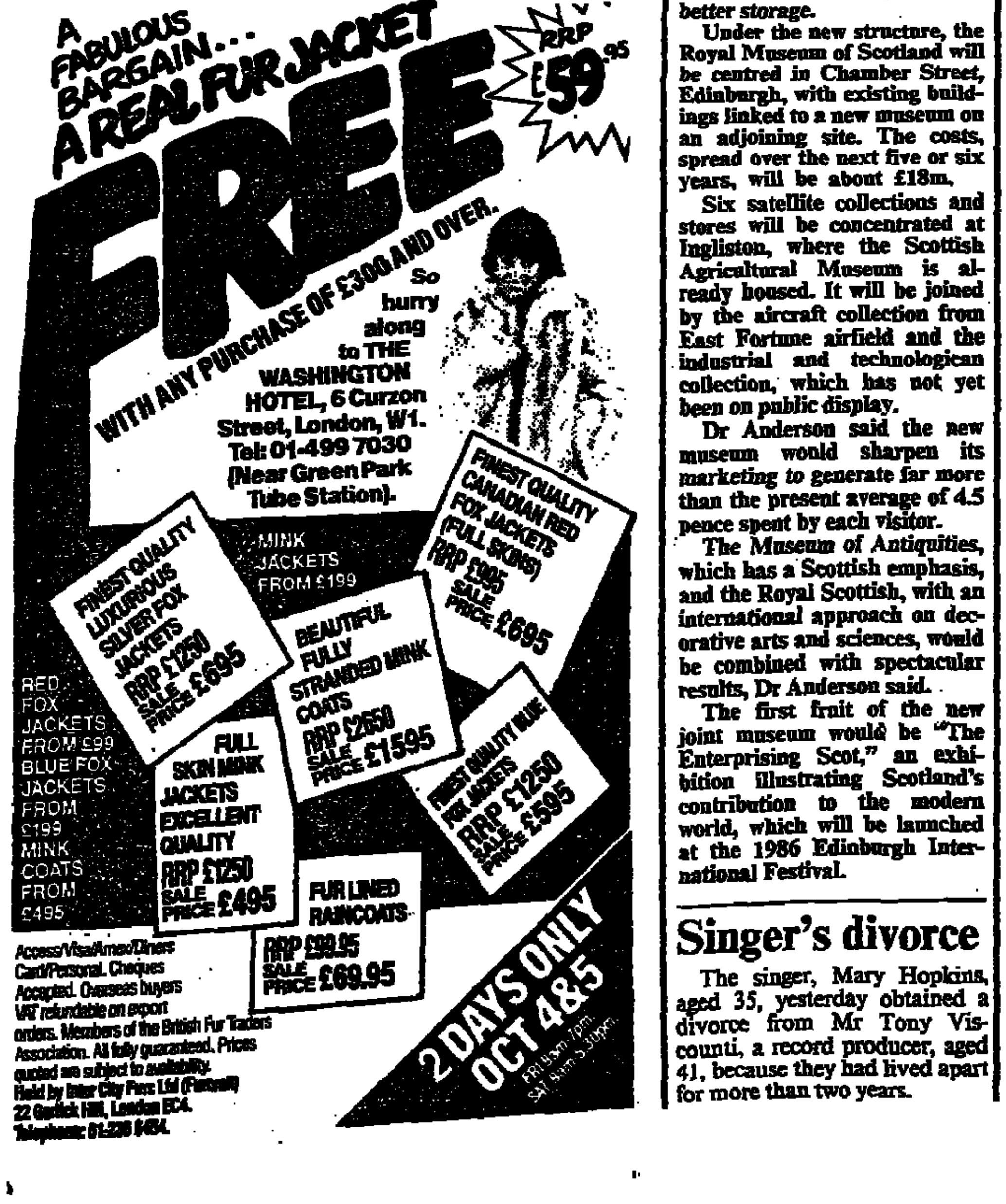
Dr Anderson said the new museum would sharpen its *marketing to* generate far more than the present average of 4.5 pence spent by each visitor.

The Museum of Antiquities, which has a Scottish emphasis, and the Royal Scottish, with an international approach on decorative arts and sciences, would be combined with spectacular results, Dr Anderson said.

The first fruit of the new joint museum would be "The Enterprising Scot," an exhibition illustrating Scotland's contribution to the modern world, which will be launched at the 1986 Edinburgh International Festival.

Singer's divorce

The singer, Mary Hopkins, aged 35, yesterday obtained a divorce from Mr Tony Visconti, a record producer, aged 41, because they had lived apart for more than two years.



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Mr Gorbachov laying a wreath yesterday on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris.

Human rights record haunts Gorbachov

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Despite the French Government's ban on anti-Soviet demonstrations, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Russian leader, is being haunted by the spectre of Soviet human rights violations.

Yesterday morning, as he was about to lay a wreath of red roses and carnations on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier beneath the Arc de Triomphe, one of the official standard-bearers at the ceremony suddenly dropped his flag and whipped out of his jacket a placard proclaiming "Visa for Ida Nudel", which he just had time to thrust before the Soviet leader's eyes before being seized by the French police.

M Michel Polinovski, official standard-bearer for the Association of the Sons and Daughters of Jewish Deportees of France," later explained that he was the first cousin of Ida Nudel, a Russian *Refusnik, who had been asking in vain for* several years for permission to leave the Soviet Union.

After the Arc de Triomphe ceremony, Mr Gorbachov was whisked off to the Hotel de Ville, *festooned to many Parisians'* displeasure with more than a hundred red Russian flags, for a meeting with M Jacques Chirac the mayor of Paris and President of the Gaullist RPR Party. There he was greeted by a new volley of attacks on the Russian human rights record, this time from M Chirac himself.

Welcoming Mr Gorbachov in the resplendent Salle des Fêtes *of the* City Hall, M Chirac said, with an evident eye on the forthcoming French elections, *that he regretted that* all the promises made at Helsinki on human rights and liberties *had* not been kept. "I think with emotion of the fate of all those deprived of liberty *because of their convictions.* I think also of the Jews in the USSR who are not allowed to *leave the country,*" he said.

The next stop in a very busy day for the soviet leader was the Matignon, the Prime Minister's office, for an hour's talks with M Laurent Fabius. Everything seemed to be going extremely well, with the two men enjoying what M Fabius described as "a very lively conversation", until M Fabius suddenly presented Mr Gorbachov with a list of seven specific "humanitarian" cases, which individuals had asked him to take up with the Russian leader.

M Fabius's list is quite separate from two other lists of human rights cases which President Mitterrand and M Roland Dumas, the Foreign Secretary, are understood to be planning to present to Mr Gorbachov.

The previous night, while Mr Gorbachov and the Russian delegation were *being entertained* to a sumptuous banquet at the Elysée, some 100 people *who had been taking part in an* "anti-Gorbachov evening" at the Palais de Congrès, *decided to defy the ban* on demonstrations and to march on to the Soviet Embassy to protest about human rights violations.

Twenty-eight people were arrested and held for two hours by the French police before being released. Among them was Mr Leonid Pliountch, a former dissident soviet mathematician, who was interned in a "special" psychiatric hospital in Russia for four years before coming to France with his wife and son in 1976.

In his address to French deputies in the National Assembly yesterday, Mr Gorbachov said that the Soviet Union attached *"the utmost importance* to seeing that human rights are ensured". It was "no *less important*", *however*, "to rid the problem of all hypocrisy and speculation, and of *attempts to meddle in the* internal affairs of other countries," he insisted.

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Soviet leader's schedule may delay party plenum

From Richard Owen, Moscow

After the appointment of a "younger generation" Prime *Minister* in Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, a big shake-up in the Kremlin leadership is in the offing.

But Mr Mikhail Gorbachov is so preoccupied with foreign affairs, *including the impending* summit with President Reagan, that the next plenum of the Central Committee may not take place until next month or even early December, according to highly-placed Soviet sources.

Mr Gorbachov has repeatedly stated that his main priority is domestic reform and "intensification" of the economy.

Last week he demonstrated this by recommending the appointment of 56-year-old Mr Ryzhkov as Prime Minister in place of Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, aged 80.

Sources said his appointment was only the beginning of a series of top-level shake-ups before *the next party* congress in February. But the Soviet leader was becoming deeply involved *in foreign affairs, including his* current visit to France and preparations for the summit with Mr Reagan.

Boy defector comes of age

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Walkter Polovchak, the *Ukrainian boy who refused to* go home to the Soviet Union, was 18 yesterday and, in the words of *his lawyer*, "a free man." He immediately filed for US citizenship.

Walter arrived in America with his parents in 1980. He refused to join them several months later when, disenchanted with their strange new world they went back. Since then he has lived with relatives in Chicago while the parents waged a bitter long-distance legal battle to force him to return.

Earlier this week, his parents sent a telegram, their first communication in two years. *"Happy birthday. Wish you the best,"* it said.

Walter's father is a bus driver, *his* mother a teaching assistant. They are said to be bitter. Lawyers who speak regularly with Mr Polovchak in the Soviet Union, say that "he *feels* he's not only lost a child, he's been emasculated." Mrs Polovchak is described as *"depressed and saddened."*

Their daughter, Nataly, who was almost 18 when they returned home, also stayed in the US.

There is talk of a book or a film of the Walter Polovchak story, focusing on the theme of America as a haven for refugees.

Howe pledge on EEC co-operation

Britain ready to consider changing Treaty of Rome

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Declaring that "the Treaty of Rome is not immutable", Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday made it clear that Britain was prepared to give serious consideration to proposals for amending the treaty provided they improved the workings of the European Community.

"The United Kingdom always has been willing to see practical improvements made," Sir Geoffrey said in a speech prepared for delivery to the German Society for Foreign Relations and the Anglo-German Society in Bad Godesberg last night.

But he added that Britain would judge proposals for amending the treaty by the yardstick of whether they were necessary, whether they would help achieve Community objectives, and whether they would be approved by all member-states (the existing Ten plus Spain and Portugal).

"It is no use tinkering with the rules if we still do not intend to apply them," he said.

Sir Geoffrey deliberately chose a setting in the heart of continental Europe to deliver a speech reaffirming Britain's desire for closer political and economic co-operation in the Community.

"Britain is not afraid of 'European Union'", he declared. But it was necessary that all member-states were clear what they meant by that term.

For Britain, it meant the Community growing politically and economically interdependent. "The question is how this organic process of 'ever closer union' is to be taken forward, allowing Europe to enjoy the real power and influence that its unity alone can bring."

Sir Geoffrey's speech was intended to spell out Britain's position on Community affairs at the beginning of a new round of discussions on the controversial issue of treaty amendments.

It was a conciliatory speech, designed to show that Britain wanted to avoid a *repetition of* the damaging split over the issue of treaty amendments at the Milan summit last July. The matter will come up again at the next inter-governmental summit in Luxembourg

Sir Geoffrey pressed Britain's proposal for a treaty on a common approach to foreign policy.

Europe's voice would not be heard in the world unless Europe was united.

He also urged Britain's European partners to implement fully an article of the treaty which provides for full freedom of establishment throughout the Community, and thereby complete the establishment of a "truly Common Market".

Delhi arms bonanza beckons for Britain

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Britain's arms salesmen in India, with goods on offer worth several hundred million pounds, are hoping that details *on some contracts* can be concluded in time for an important announcement during *the* visit *of* Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, to Britain in 10 days' time.

They hope in particular to finalize the sale of 11 Sea *Harrier jump jets, 10 fighters* and one trainer, worth £140 million. Having bought six *fighters and two trainers*, India signed a six-month option to buy the rest two and a half years ago. But *there* have been arguments about the transfer of the terminal guidance technology involved in Sea Eagle missiles which go with the planes. All that remains to be settled now are some further financial assurances.

Indian newspapers disclosed yesterday *that* the sale of *short* range Sea Skua missiles for the planned fleet of Dornier 228 *aircraft of the Indian navy's* coastal patrol is likely.

Two Dorniers are to be built in Germany, and 20 others, using the transferred technology, in India by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Line-of-sight, sea skimming missiles will be the principal armament in ten of them, and the Sea skua is the preferred choice, largely because its associated radar-plus-computer guidance system fits more easily into the plane.

Two British radar systems are competing for the order, Sea Spray Mark 3, and the Mel Super Searcher. A less sophisticated, shorter range, but a cheaper French missile is also in the competition, but because more of the missile's intelligence is based in the plane-borne radar it fits less well in the small Dornier.

Britain is also negotiating to sell HMS Hermes, the Royal Navy's biggest aircraft carrier, to India, and it is likely that Mr Gandhi will be given a VIP tour of the ship during his visit. *With the completion of the* Harrier order and the delivery of Sea King helicopters already signed for, the Indian navy could well use a second deck for launching them. India now has only one carrier.

It would make sense to buy a second carrier second-hand, and *Hermes is being offered cheap* – about one tenth of the cost of a new carrier of the Invincible class. Though Hermes is larger than Britain's other three carriers there are advantages in having carriers all from one class, so the Royal Navy is prepared to let Hermes go provided enough is paid to provide a substitute for her war-time role as a commando carrier.

If, on the other hnd, the Indian defence ministry – under its *new* minister, the Prime Minister – wishes to build its own carrier, a decision was announced last *month* at the Royal Navy Equipment Exhibition that the Invincible class design was cleared for promotion to India. India could therefore build its own, buying the drawings from and using the expertise of Swan Hunter's shipbuilding yard.

Not much has been heard recently of the biggest sale of them all, the possible purchase by the Indian *army of a 155m* field gun. The order for the guns is so large – it could amount to £1 billion – that competition is very stiff.

The British gun, in fact a joint *production* by Britain, West Germany and Italy, is in competition with France, Sweden and Austria. The front runner is thought to be the French gun, even though it is not in service anywhere in the world. At a recent demonstration in Iraq it backfired and killed two bystanders.

Britain's gun is not only ready in service with the three producers' armies, but has also been sold to Japan, under a transfer of technology agreement very similar to that which India would require.

Paparazzi mar Hudson funeral

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

The body of Rock Hudson, the actor who died of Aids, was cremated on Wednesday.

There was no grand-scale funeral and friends and family of the star asked that donations be made to the foundation that bears Hudson's name. It had been established shortly after the actor revealed that he was suffering from the deadly *disease*.

Although the actor died quietly in his sleep, the scenes outside his Beverly Hills mansion resembled a bizarre segment from a Federico Fellini *film*.

Photographers gathered outside the house almost tore open the hearse carrying the body of the actor from his home to the mortuary.

The frenzied pack of photographers blocked the hearse's passage as it left the driveway. As the windows were covered by towels to screen the corpse, some lensmen tried to rip them away to take pictures.

Tom Clark, a long-time friend of Hudson, became distraught on seeing the behaviour of the handful of papparazzi.

As expected, there were tributes from Hudson's celebrity colleagues, led by President Reagan and his wife, Nancy. The *President* said in a White House statement: "He will always be remembered for his dynamic impact on the film industry, and fans all over the world will certainly mourn for his loss."

Elizabeth Taylor, who co-starred with Hudson in the film *Giant*, and heads Hudson's aids foundation, said: "I love him and he is tragically gone. Please God, *he has not died in vain*."

Actress Doris Day, his co-star in light, romantic comedies like *Pillow Talk* and *Love Come Back*, tearfully said: "Oh my God, what can I say? This is where our faith is really tested. All those years of working with him I saw him as big, healthy and indestructible".

Vienna curb on football hooliganism

From Richard Bassett
Vienna

Austria's Minister of the Interior, Herr Karl Blecha, yesterday announced tough measures against growing violence at football matches.

They include greater supervision of fans by police before, during and after matches, and more detailed briefings for police on how to deal with possible trouble.

The measures follow an incident in which a 24-year-old football fan was beaten up after a match in Salzburg on September 13 and died of his injuries 10 days later. It was believed to be the first death in Austrian history to have been caused by football hooliganism.

Herr Blecha, announcing the measures at a Press conference, said *right-wing extremists* who attempt to exploit football crowds would be met with the *full force of the law.*

Earlier this week, several Austrian fans were seen flaunting Nazi insignia, including SS badges and iron crosses with *swastikas, at a European Cup* match between Rapid Vienna and a Hungarian team in Tatabanya.

Doctor who exposed brutality transferred

From *Michael Hornsby*
Johannesburg

A young white doctor who exposed brutal police treatment of people held under South Africa's emergency regulations has been transferred from prison work to "other duties".

While working in the district surgeon's office in Port Elizabeth, Dr Wendy Orr's duties since August had included visiting detainees in prison and checking on their physical condition.

Evidence she collected of "systematic" assaults on prisoners led to a Supreme Court judge granting an injunction restraining police from such conduct anywhere in the Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage districts in the Eastern Cape.

Dr Orr has now been "transferred to other duties", which include visiting children's homes and homes for the aged. Government health officials said this was because the whole affair was now *sub judice.*

Dr Orr alleged that proper procedures for investigating *prisoners'* complaints of mistreatment were not followed because the police involved *believed they were immune* from prosecution under emergency regulations.

Meanwhile, six members of foreign television camera crews, a French photographer and a local radio reporter arrested earlier in the week while covering clashes between police and students at the University of the Western Cape appeared *in court in a Cape Town suburb* yesterday.

They were told to appear *again on October 17*.

Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, who said in a BBC radio interview yesterday that Britain will be isolated at the coming Commonwealth leaders' conference if it keeps resisting sanctions against South Africa. Britannia no longer rules the world," he said.

Peer attacks Guatemala poll as a charade

Washington (Reuter) – The chairman of the British Parliamentary Human Rights Group said yesterday that Guatemala's elections on November 3 are likely to be a "cosmetic *charade*" which will not end control by a brutal military regime.

"The *whole apparatus* of constitution-making and elections is likely to be a cosmetic charade, designed and executed for the purpose of improving Guatemala's image abroad and extracting millions of dollars from the gullible," Lord Avebury said.

He spoke at a seminar on human rights in Guatemala organized by two Democratic *Senators, Mr Tom Harkin and* Mr Paul Simon and the non-profit Washington Office on Latin America.

Suicide bomb threats as Russians fear worst for Beirut kidnap victims

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The Soviet Embassy in Beirut, apparently resigned to the murder of the three surviving Russian hostages in West Beirut, yesterday prepared to send the families of Russian diplomats back to Moscow as the embassy's Charge d'Affaires announced that he was "expecting sad news any minute about our three kidnapped people".

Gunmen from the Lebaneses Communist Party and the Druze militia took up positions around the embassy complex on Corniche Mazraa during the morning after a series of anonymous telephone callers threatened suicide bombings against the compound. The organization behind the abductions – and the murder of Arkady Katkov, a secretary in the consular section of the embassy – has still not been positively identified, but the new threats suggest that a serious effort is now underway to drive the Russians out of Beirut.

All yesterday, however, the fate of the three kidnapped Russians – two diplomats and the embassy doctor – appeared to rest in Damascus where the Syrian Vice-President and Sheikh Saeed Shabaan, the Sunni Muslim leader from Tripoli whose "Tawheed" militia is fighting pro-Syrian Lebanese forces surrounding the city, spent a second day negotiating and arguing about the conflict in northern Lebanon. The "Islamic Liberation organization", – the ambitous title which the kidnappers of the three Russians have adopted, says it will murder the rest of its prisoners if the Syrian offensive around Tripoli does not end at once.

Fierce street fighting continued around the city perimeter for much of the day, although an Iranian delegation is also present at the Damascus talks, urging the Syrians to relent in their efforts to crush Sheikh Shabaan's Muslim army.

The Syrians are evidently in a difficult position. Their state-controlled press and radio have scarcely mentioned either the war in Tripoli or the kidnapping of the Soviet diplomats. To withdraw now would demonstrate weakness in the face of the very Sunni fundamentalism which President Assad has always opposed; yet to continue the siege of Tripoli in the face of the Soviet Union's request for help could damage relations with Moscow.

Not surprisingly, Brigadier General Ghazi Kenaan, commander of Syria's military in Northern Lebanon – who is now comfortably ensconced in a suit of rooms in the upper story of a luxurious villa outside Tripoli – firmly denied yesterday that Syrian troops were involved in the battle around the city despite incontravertible evidence that they were Syrian tanks, mortars and heavy artillery, all crewed by Syrian soldiers in full battledress, can be seen firing from the hills above Tripoli.

General Kenaan preferred to dwell on the supposedly impending collapse of his Sunni Muslim opponents, dozens of whom, he claimed were defecting to the pro-Syrian militias. Many of them, he said, had already shaved off their Islamic beards so that they could escape ehen Sheikh Shabaan's forces surrendered.

This will be of no comfort to the Russians in Beirut, who were told by Western news agencies here yesterday that the latest anonymous telephone callers had specifically promised to "level the whole compound upon their heads" in a suicide bombing. To embassy officials who had suffered no more than a rash of car thefts in he past ten years – they lost 29 diplomatic vehicles in the 12 months alone – this week's events have been a nightmare.

Cardinal who may yet change the shape of Chilean politics

By Douglas Tweedale

Monsignor Francisco Fresno, a still-spry cardinal of 71 who is not above the occasional bout of informal football with teenaged seminarians, has reluctantly become the driving force behind the civilian opposition to General Augusto Pinochet's 12-year-old military regime in Chile.

When Mgr Fresno was appointed Archbishop of Santiago in 1982, the general's wife, Señora Lucia Pinochet, was heard to heave a sign of relief and say: "At last our prayers have been answered." His predecessor, Mgr Raul Silva Enriquez, had become a thorn in the side of the regime with his outspoken criticism of human rights abuses, and the new archbishop was reputed to be sympathetic to the Government's cause.

But the low-keyed Mgr Fresno, named cardinal last year in a gesture of support by the Pope, not only belied his conservative reputation but proved to be an even more effective spokesman for human rights than archbishop Silva.

Described by associates as a simple man happier with pastoral work than with the complex politicking that comes with the Archbishop's job, Cardinal Fresno "has not sought out conflicts with the Government, but has run into hostility and incomprehension at every turn," one of his close advisers said.

"Don Pancho (his respectful nickname) has an obsession with the truth, and this Government has simply lied to him too often," a Western diplomat said.

In the almost three years since he was appointed, relations between Chile's progressive Catholic Church and the Government have gone from bad to worse, to the point where observers speak of the Government waging a "Goebbels-style propaganda war to discredit the Church".

Mgr Fresno's efforts to achieve a "reconciliation" among Chileans in recent months have further aroused General Pinochet's ire. With the help of three lay advisers, the cardinal orchestrated a series of meetings with a broad range of civilian politicians and brought them together in August to sign a "national accord for a transition to a full democracy", a multi-party document calling for a return to civilian rule. It was the first time that anyone had managed to bring together politicians ranging from the extreme right to the moderate left, and most opposition leaders credit the cardinal with a breakthrough that may yet change the shape of Chilean politics.

With the backing of the church, the National Accord has become the focal point of the opposition to General Pinochet, and its signatories are engaged in a mass campaign to collect signatures to put further pressure on the Government.

More recently, Cardinal Fresno angered the military by inviting union leaders and civilian politicians to a Te Deum Mass traditionally reserved for top military brass and government functionaries on Chile's independence day on September 18.

Forced to sit just across the aisle from his adversaries, President Pinochet is said to have fumed in silence throughout the service. He also banned radio and television stations from broadcasting the Mass, and some of his right-wing supporters were allowed to slip past a tight security cordon round the Santiago cathedral to attack opposition unionists

But such insults from the Government are unlikely to make Cardinal Fresno desist. Sources say he no longer meets the President, and one diplomat said: "He is no longer worried about offending the Government. It is much too late for that."

Cardinal Fresno: driving force against Pinochet.

Prague accuses US over air clash

Vienna (Reuter) – Czechoslovakia yesterday accused the United States of deliberately spreading misinformation on an incident at the Czechoslovak-West German border last Saturday in which a Czechoslovak plane fired shots at a US helicopter.

The Prague news agency Ceteka, monitored here, quotes the Czechoslovak Communist Party paper *Ruoe Pravo* as saying: "The Pentagon offered to Western agencies a report claiming that a Czechoslovak plane, which had warned the US crew by signals, violated the (West German) air space and even threatened the lives of the helicopter's crew.

"The deliberate misinformation was evidently aimed at spreading fabrications not only about the foreign policy of Czechoslovakia but also of the Warsaw treaty countries in general.

"Every sovereign state has the right to guard its borders

Czechoslovakia acknowledged on Wednesday that one of its planes had fired warning shots at the helicopter, which it said was in danger of entering Czechoslovak air space. But it denied it was an attack and said the plane did not violate West German air space.

Supporters of the PLO in Delhi demonstrating yesterday against the Isreali raid on Tunis.

Peres scorns Thatcher's pledge

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mrs Margaret Thatcher wus picked out for particular criticism by Mr Shimon Peres yesterday when the Israeli Prime Minister answered questions about his decision to bomb the Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunis.

Commenting on the invitation to invite two PLO members to Britain, he said Mrs Thatcher had promised they would denounce terrorism when they got to London.

"If you are for peace and against terror, why wait for London?" he asked. "Do you really have to cross the Channel to make such a sensational announcement?"

Mr Peres told the Foreign Press Association that one of the two men, the Anglican Bishop Elia Khouri, had twice been caught smuggling explosives into Israel from Jordan and that one of the devices had gone off next to the British Consulate. "He had contact with the British even before this."

Mr Muhammad Milhem, the other delegate, was dismissed by Mr Peres as "a member of an executove engaged in terrorism . . . if among the many executives of the PLO only two are for peace, what about the rest of them?"

Mr Peres insisted that the three men who alleged took part in the attack on an Israeli yacht in Larnaca on Yom Kippur – including a Briton, Mr Ian Davison – were identified as members of the PLO's Force 17 by members of the same elite group already arrested by Israel.

PLO denials about involvement at Lanarca, in which three Israelis were killed, did not hold water and the organization had now stopped making the denials, Mr Peres said.

He argued that the raid on Tunis was against a terror organization and he was not impressed by reports that the PLO wanted to negotiate peace.

"You can't talk peace and kill people at the same time and expect that everybody is going to be happy about it.

"We are not trigger-happy but we are left without on alternative. People may take it that wer are giving up if somebody can be killed just because he is Jewish or Israeli.

● TUNIS: Israeli planes which took part in the Tunis raid took off from a base in a European Nato country, a leading PLO figure said here (AFP reports).

The planes had been refuelled at this European base, Mr Salah Khalaf, security chief of the PLO's Main group, Fatah, told a press conference here but without naming the country involved.

The country would be named as soon as the intelligence information was confirmed. He said the PLO was also convinced that the Israeli planes had received US intelligence from the Sixth Fleet, cruising in the Mediterranean.

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Guard for US diplomats

Tunis (Reuter) – US diplomats and aid workers in Tunisia worked under heavy guard yesterday after bomb threats and demonstrations prompted by President Reagan's support for the Israeli air raid on the PLO headquarters.

Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, accused Washington of direct involvment in the raid, saying the United States provided refuelling facilities for Israeli F16s

A US embassy spokeswoman, while not denying that the US Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean would have detected the aircraft on their mission, said no US help was given.

She said the Embassy had received bomb threats and, anti-US street demonstrations yesterday.

Arabs take conciliatory line at UN

From Zoriana Pysariwsky
New York

A refrain of Arab moderation has run through the UN Security Council debate on the Israeli raid on the Palestinian headquarters in Tunis. The temperate mood has been echoed in closed door meetings of Arab foreign ministers, who are in New York for the opening debate of the General Assembly, where it was decided that Israel would not be given the satisfaction of having struck a final blow to the peace process, if indeed that was its intention.

Even President Reagan's attempts to justify the Israeli action have privately been interpreted as a way of avoiding confrontation with Congress while discussions on arms sales to Jordan have reached a delicate stage.

Mr Farrouk Kaddoumi, the Palestine Liberation Organization foreign affairs spokesman, still referred to the peace process during the debate when he called for an international conference. On the day of the Israeli attack the Syrian Foreign Minister, Mr Farouk al-Sharra, rather than ruling out any chance for negotiations urged the convening of a conference as well.

Moderates fail to quell anger at raid

From Our Own Correspondent, Beirut

Both Mr Yassir Arafat's second-in-command, Abu Jihad and President Mubarak of Egypt yesterday promised that they would continue to pursue efforts for a Middle East peace despite the Isreali raid on the PLO headquarters in Tunis.

If their determination not to be swayed by the bombings seemed a hopeful sign, however, it did nothing to soften the anger still being voiced against Israel throughout the region.

Mr Mubarak, while saying that "We are still for peace and will do our maximum for peace", referred to the raid, as "a shocking tragedy". He said he did not believe Mr Arafat had been responsible for the murder of three Israelis in Cyprus last week, the killings which prompted the bombings.

Asked about President Reagan's approval of the Israeli raids, Mr Mubarak said briskly: "That's his business. It's none of my business."

In an interview in the *Jordan Times*, Abu Jihad, effectively Mr Arafat's second-in-command in the PLO's military structure, said his organization "would continue its political moves in the international arena because ... we are committed to achieving a just peace for our people."

There was, nevertheless, an unusual element of self-criticism in Arab comment yesterday. The Sudanese Defence Minister, Major-General Osman Abdullah, said after meeting President Mubarak that the Israeli attack was "a natural result of Arab disarray – Those who humilated themselves can easily be humiliated.

Iran took the opportunity yesterday of condemning "The reactionary and compromising leaders in the Arab world", a clear referemce to Mr Mubarak and King Husain of Jordan. Hojatoleslam Ali Akhbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, claimed as Libya, the PLO and several Gulf states have already done, that the Israeli raids were carried out with the connivance of the Americans. The actions of the US administration, according to Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani, "resulted in nothing but humilatin for Muslims, Arabs and Palestinians."

Even Cyprus, the island on which the Israelis were murdered, yesterday condemned the Israeli raid on Tunisia. "Nothing at all can excuse any action against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of a state," it said.

Falashas end Israel protest

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

An embarrassing four-week demonstration by Falasha Jews ended yesterday, to the relief of the Israeli Government and the Chief Rabbinate.

Several hundred of the Jewish community which Israel had proudly but secretly flown from Ethiopia in "Operation Moses" had been camped out under big black cloth tents opposite the offices of the Chief Rabbi demanding the right to be treated as equals.

"In Ethiopia we were treated as Jews. In Israel we are not", their placard said. Their protest was against the Rabbinate's insistence that they needed a ritual immersion ceremony before marriage to confirm them as Jews.

The demonstration has led to the establishment of an Institute for the Heritage of Ethiopian Jewry and a special court to investigate their Jewish lineage in case of any dispute.

The Falashas, camped out beside one of Jerusalem's better hotels, attracted wide public support. Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, found himself involved in the negotiations.

Shuttle launched on secret mission

Washington – The space shuttle Atlantis blasted off yesterday on a secret Pentagon mission with the five-man crew expected to deploy two military communications satellites (Mohsin Ali writes).

Experts said the satellites are capable of relaying presidential orders for nuclear defence. Only a nine-minute warning was given before launch to make it more difficult for Soviet satellites and offshore spy ships to monitor the flight. The mission is expected to last four days.

Three Mile reactor restarts

Middletown, Pennsylvania (AP). – Three Mile Island's nuclear plant began operating again yesterday after lying dormant for six years. A Supreme Court ruling cleared the way for the first self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction since the nation's worst commercial nuclear accident in 1979.

Child smugglers

Khartoum (AFP) – Police here have uncovered a racket in smuggling children to Arab oil states. The Sudan news agency said traders had been arrested in possession of 32 children, aged between five and 10, each with a passport to help them get to Abu Dhabi.

Floods kill 370

Delhi (Reuter) – At least 370 people have been killed in floods which swept through parts of India's northern Uttar Pradesh state and affected about 250,000 villagers, the Press Trust of India reported.

TV star dies

George Savalas, who played the portly Detective Stavros in his more famous brother's *Kojak* television series, died of leukaemia at the age of 58.

Bolivia truce

La Paz (Reuter) – Bolivian trade unions agreed to end a month-old general strike already eroded by the imposition two weeks ago of a state of siege. In return, the new central Government pledged to free union leaders confined to jungle locations in the Amazon region after their arrest in September.

Baby deaths

Belgrade (Reuter) – Twelve new-born babies have died in the past three weeks from a virus infection which has swept a paediatric clinic in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

Dearer petrol

Belgrade (Reuter) – Yugoslavia raised the price of petrol and other oil products by about five per cent, the fourth increase this year.

Colombia clash

Bogota (Reuter) – At least eight M19 guerrillas and eight soldiers were killed in clashes in a mountain zone of south-western Colombia, the Army said.

Court of Appeal Law Report October 4 1985 Court of Appeal

Basis for block grant wrong

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Nottinghamshire County Council

Same v Same, Ex parte Bradford City Council

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Dillon

[Judgment delivered October 3]

The Secretary of State for the Environment was wrong in differentiating between local authorities on the basis of their past spending records in framing his guidance for calculating block grants payable to local authorities for 1985/86.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing appeals by Nottinghamshire County Council and Bradford Metropolitan City Council from the dismissal by Mr Justice Kennedy on March 15, 1985 of their applications for judicial review of the decision of the secretary of state determining their expenditure guidances contained in the *Rate Support Grant Report (England) 1985/86*

Mr Alan Fletcher, QC, Mr Adrian Thomas and Miss Morag Ellis for Nottinghamshire County Council; Mr Konrad Schiemann, QC and Mr G. N. N. Huskinson for Bradford; Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC, Miss Presiley Baxendale and Mr Paul Walker for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that about half the money needed by local authorities for the carrying out of their functions was provided from funds voted by Parliament. The Secretary of State for the Environment decided what sums each local authority was to get.

He started by determining the amount available for grants in respect of all the authorities' relevant expenditure. From that sum he made certain statutory deductions and what was left was called the block grant.

The amount of block grant payable to a particular authority was calculated by deduction from their total expenditure the product arrived at by multiplying the "grant related poundage" by the gross rateable value of the area. When doing his sums the secretary of state had to calculate each authority's "grant related expenditure" which was the assessment of the cost to each authority in a class of providing a common standard of service with average efficiency, allowing for differences in the needs of different areas.

By section 59(11A) of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980, as amended by the Local Government Finance Act 1982, any guidance, issued for the purpose of making, in the amount of block grant payable to any authority, adjustments designed to achieve any reduction in the level of local authority expenditure thought necessary having regard to general economic conditions, had to be framed by reference to principles applicable to all local authorities.

The guidance issued by the secretary of state provided that if an authority's budgeted total expenditure for 1984/85 was less than or equal to that authority's grant related expenditure for 1984/85, the guidance was 3.75 per cent above its 1984/85 adjusted grant related expenditure. Otherwise it was 3.75 per cent above its adjusted expenditure guidance for 1984/85.

The appellant local authorities submitted that that guidance had the effect of dividing local authorities into two classes and treating each differently. That division was said to be bad in law. Guidance having that result had not been "framed by reference to principles applicable to all local authorities".

It was accepted on behalf of the secretary of state that he could not lawfully use a way of calculating block grants for one part of England which was different from that applicable to another part, even though for economic reasons such a difference could be justified: nor could he lawfully differentiate between local authorities on a size of population basis and still less because of political complexion.

If he could not differentiate for those reasons, in his Lordship's judgment, he could do so on the basis of the past spending records of local authorities. It followed that the guidance given did not comply with section 59 (11A) of the 1980 Act.

His Lordship had come to that decision with regret. It was clearly the intention of Parliament that the secretary of state should have power to reward local authorities who had complied with his guidance and to penalise those who had not.

In this case he got his timing wrong. He should not have assumed, as he seemed to have done, that those with past overspending records would go on having such records

Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Dillon delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Sherwood & Co for Mr A. Sandford, West Bridgford; Warren Murton for Mr A. R. Sykes, Bradford; Treasury Solicitor.

No competence to take oath

Regina v Bellamy

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment delivered October 3]

A man aged 35, stated to have a mental age of 13 or less, failed in an appeal against conviction for rape after the complainant, a woman aged 33, stated to have a mental age of 10, gave evidence on the trial judge's finding that she was not competent to take a binding oath but was competent as a witness and the proper course was for her to affirm although she had not objected to taking an oath.

John Alfred Lionel Bellamy, aged 35, of Lower Road, Maidstone, was convicted of rape at Maidstone Crown Court (Judge Streeter and a jury). He was placed on probation for three years on conditions of residence and medical treatment.

Section 5(1) of the Oaths Act 1978 provides: "Any person who objects to being sworn shall be permitted to make his solemn affirmation instead of taking an oath".

Mr Stephen Robbins, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Miss Heather Hallett for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the judge inquired into the complainant's competence. He heard evidence from a social worker and also from the complainant herself.

About her theological appreciation he was of opinion that it would be a farce to thrust a bible in her hand as it was clear that she would not be competent to take a binding oath.

As to her general understanding and need to tell the truth she had said that she knew that if she told lies she could be put or sent away. She was competent to be a witness and the proper course was for her to make an affirmation.

The basis of the appeal was that the judge had no power in those circumstances to cause the complainant to affirm. It was said that the main evidence in the trial having been given in that unauthorized way went to the heart of the trial and vitiated the conviction.

As it seemed to their Lordships, the judge although clearly right to investigate whether or not the complainant was a competent witness in so far as having a sufficient understanding of the nature of the proceedings was concerned, ought not to have embarked on an examination of her theological appreciation.

Given that the judge concluded, as he did, that she was a competent witness and given that she did not object to being sworn he should have allowed her to be sworn.

Even it one took a different view and concluded that the judge was perfectly entitled also to examine the extent to which the complainant believed in God, the present state of the jurisprudence, which had considered the proper application of section 38(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, indicated clearly that it was no longer necessary that a witness should have an awareness of the Divine sanction of the oath in order that that witness might properly be sworn: see *R v Hayes* ([1977] 1 WLR 234) and *R v Campbell* ([1983] Crim L R 174).

Those cases which were not drawn to the judge's attention, were concerned with the statute governing the position in respect of children of tender years. *A fortiori* they applied where there was no statutory provision governing what should happen.

It was plain that the complainant should have given evidence on oath.

The irregularity was not material, but even if one took the view that it was within section 2(1) (c) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, then the proviso to section 2 would apply.

Solicitors: Mr R. A. Crabb, Canterbury.

If solicitor is liable for costs

Thompson v Fraser

Where a solicitor was ordered by a court to be personally responsible for costs, or where a court refused to hold him responsible for such costs, section 18 (1) (f) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 did not bar an appeal without leave of the judge.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson on October 2, allowed an appeal by the defendant's solicitor, against an order of Judge Pickles at Otley County Court that he pay the plaintiff's costs of the action.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the court was unanimously of the view that an appeal in such circumstances did not relate only to costs or even primarily to costs, but to the conduct of the solicitor.

Kasparov secures draw with innovative move

By Raymond Keene

The twelfth game of the world chess championship in Moscow between Anatoly Karpov and Gary Kasparov ended in a draw last night after just 18 moves.

This was clearly a blow to the world champion's hopes. Karpov intended to profit from one of his favourite weapons against the Sicilian Defence, one which had brought him victory in a mere 31 moves in the third game of their previous match.

Indeed, Kasparov followed that game for the first seven moves but his eighth move . . . P-Q4 placing the pawn on a square where it could be captured, was a concept hitherto unknown to chess theory. This early thrust clarified the entire central situation at the temporary cost of a pawn.

When Kasparov regained his pawn on move 14, the position had become an obvious level one with forces equally developed and a symmetrical pawn structure.

Since white normally maintains an advantage until well into the middle game, Kasparov's eighth move innovation, already described by experts as truly astounding and extraordinary, must be seen as a contribution to the theory of the black side of the Sicilian Defence.

In an interview published yesterday in the British *Chess Magazine*, Karpov had said: "I never experience a sense of seflf-doubt and I normally play quite well after a loss".

Hence the champion's failure to obtain any advantage at all with the white pieces following on his disastrous loss in game 11 must be a severe disappointment to him.

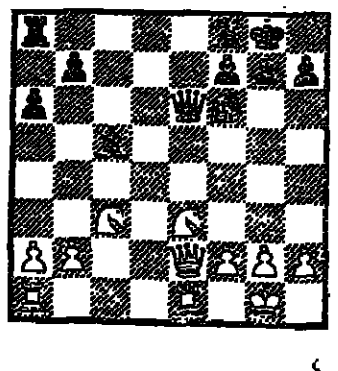
The score is now two wins each with eight draws. The 13th game will be played on Saturday.

Twelfth game

White Karpov. Black Kasparov

Sicilian Defence, Taimanov variation

1	P-K4	P-QB4	2	N-KB3	P-K3
3	P-Q4	PxP	4	NxP	N-QB3
5	N-N5	P-Q3	6	P-QB4	N-B3
7	N(1)-B3	P-QR3	8	N-R3	P-Q4
9	KPxP	PxP	10	PxP	N-QN5
11	B-QB4	B-N5	12	B-K2	BxB
13	QxBch	Q-K2	14	B-K3	N(5)xQP
15	N-B2	NxB	16	NxN	Q-K3
17	0-0	B-B4	18	KR-K1	0-0
19	Drawn				



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Merger hopes grow after Mugabe and Nkomo hold businesslike talks

From Jan Raath, Harare

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Zimbabwe Prime Minister and leader of Zanu (PF) and Mr Joshua Nkomo, head of Zapu, have held a businesslike first round of talks on merging their parties.

The meeting on Wednesday afternoon was the first official encounter between the two in more than three years, and has raised hopes for the success of the proposed link-up.

They met for 90 minutes in Mr Mugabe's office in Parliament, after several meetings in the previous two weeks between a "unity committee" comprising three-man delegations from both sides.

Mr Maurice Nyagumbo, the third most senior figure in the Zanu (PF) Politburo and the convener of the talks, said in a statement broadcast on Wednesday night by the state radio and television service that Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo were each accompanied by two senior aides.

The leaders were each given a progress report on the work of the unity committee, which sources said produced a seven-point document. At the committee's last meeting, broad agreement on the document was said to have been reached.

The two leaders were to consider the report, while the committee would await further instructions "as regards its next task", Mr Nyagumbo said.

The sources said Mr Mugabe had appeared relaxed and even accommodating during the meeting. At one point Mr Nyagumbo, who is said to be one of the less enthusastic participants in the discussions, began attacking Zapu but was interrupted by Mr Mugabe, the sources said. Mr Mugabe told him he "knew his (Mr Nyagumbo's) story well", and urged Mr Joseph Miska, the vice-president of Zapu, to continue.

The two leaders discussed the points of agreement in the document, and points on which the committee had differed. Mr Msika privately told aides later that he believed these differences were "not insurmountable".

It is not clear when another meeting will take place. Tomorrow Mr Mugabe leaves on a three-week trip that will take him to Cuba, Nicaragua, Guyana, the Bahamas and New York.

Despite his heavy schedule, on Wednesday he was able to spend an hour in the gracious surroundings of the Harare Sports Club, watching the Young Australia cricket team hammer the Zimbabwe national side, shortly before driving to his meeting with Mr Nkomo.

In spite of the wording of Mr Nyagumbo's communique, the sources believed it was unlikely the committee would have to meet again. The rest of the negotiations were expected to be carried out by Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo.

Though they have met frequently on social occasions, Mr Mugabe last had talks with Mr Nkomo in August 1982, when security forces had begun a controversial operation against guerrillas in western Matabeleland.

Probably the most crucial issue to be decided by Mr Mugabe is the representation to be granted to Zapu members in a reconstructed, national party.

Observers see a merger more in terms of Zapu members being accommodated on the Central Committee and Politburo of Zanu (PF), by virtue of the ruling party's considerably-more powerful position. Zanu (PF) has 64 seats in the House of Assembly, to Zapu's 15.

However, Zapu may avoid such indignity by the adoption of a new name for the party, and a joint declaration by both parties at the time of any merger, rather than Mr Nkomo having to announce the dissolution of Zapu.

Mr Nkomo also will have to be granted a position of power in the Zanu (PF) Politburo

Ariana Faranda, the Red Brigades terrorist who was jailed yesterday for seven years for kidnapping. She is already serving 30 years for the Moro kidnap and murder.

Gold rush smugglers face Manila crackdown

From Keith Dalton
Manila

President Marcos, seeking to halt the smuggling of millions of dollars of gold out of the Philippines, has ordered troops to control "Wild West" towns on a remote southern Philippine mountain, scene of a three-year gold rush.

He has also granted Central Bank teams sole authority to buy gold being extracted by 80,000 people burrowing into Mount Diwata.

Chinese middle-men, acting for wealthy dealers, have monopolized gold-buying from miners tunnelling deep into the side of Mount Diwata in Davao del Norte province. The gold is smuggled to Hong Kong and Singapore for huge profits.

Millions of dollars in badly-needed foreign reserves have been lost because of the Government's inability to control the flourishing gold industry, which has transformed virgin timber lands into bustling and often violent mining camps.

Rules issued 600 miles away in Manila outlawing possession of gold bars and nuggets and giving the Central Bank sole authority to buy gold – even though the bank had no agents at the camps – were understandably ignored. The new presidential instructions aim to fill these loopholes.

After meeting 137 of Davao's tribal leaders at the presidential palace, Mr Marcos said he would dismantle the "Chinese monopoly" by establishing Central Bank buying stations at major camp sites with sole rights to buy gold.

This was recommended 14 months ago after the Natural Resources Minister, Mr Rodolfo del Rosario, visited the area, but there was no explanation as to why Mr Marcos waited so long before implementing the plan, which could greatly boost the country's gold reserves.

Seven years of prayer that ended in murder

From Paul Routledge
Davao City, Philippines

Solomon Improso, an evangelist, was shot dead for refusing to give up the keys of the new motorcycle for which he had prayed.

The killing of the Pastor of Drace Gospel Church two days ago was the tenth such murder on Mindanao island in the past 12 months,

There were three other known killings that day in Davao City, making it almost normal for "the murder capital of Asia", where the Communist guerrilla insurrection is breeding a deep and vicious lawlessness.

More than 700 people have died by violent means – usually shooting or knifing – so far this year,

Death came in the afternoon to Pastor Improse, aged 34, a married man with five children, when he stopped to buy a copy of the *People's Forum*, a local daily paper for which he wrote a column.

Evangelical collegues said he had prayed for seven years for a motorcycle. His wish had been granted only that morning through money donated by well-wishers.

He never even got the machine home. Two youths demanded the ignition keys and, when he refused, shot him in the head

At least the city police knew who the pastor was, even though he was dressed in casual clothes. They could not identify the body of a girl aged about 14, also shot in the head in a poor district, nor two male corpses found floating in the sea with gunshot wounds.

The killings are becoming macabre even by Philippines standards. In a bizarre twist last month, eight male bodies were found without heads, some of which were later found scattered on rubbish dumps around the city.

Governor quits over free trips

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Sir Brian Murray, the Governor of Victoria has resigned for accepting free over overseas air tickets, so ending a two-day confrontation with the state Government which threatended a constitutional crisis going to the heart of Anglo-Australian ties.

In a resignation statement, read to the state legislative assembly by Mr John Cain, the Victorian Prime Minister, Sir Brian said he was worried the the affair might cause embarrassment during the impending visit to Australia by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

It was apparent the he was standing down at Mr Cain's insistence. If he refused to go, which at one stage seemed possible, the premier would have had to have asked the Queen, throuth the Foreign Office, to dismiss him.

Despite the state Government's allegation that Sir Brian brought the integrity of his office into question, he has many sympathizers who say he has been forced out by political considerations. The state opposition accused the Labour administration of using the affair to get rid of a governor appointed by the previous Liberal Government.

Sir Brian acknowledged earlier this week that he and Lady Murray were given tickets for an inaugural flight by Continental Airlines, an American operator, from Houston to London, and other free flights to return to Melbourne after a Mediterannean stopover.

In yesterday's statement he said he accepted the invitation in good faith, but the current climate caused by police investigation into discounted air fares had "given rise to perceptions that the office of Governor may have been compromised". He had therefore asked that the Queen be told he was resigning immediately.

Mr Cain told the assembly he had cautioned Sir Brian against the trip. Regulations reissued by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1977 prohibited colonial governors from receiving valuable gifts, "including free passages", he said.

Mr Cain last night said he had given no thought to a successor to Sir Brian. Sir John Young, the Lieutenant Governor, is acting Governor.

Why Men at Work are out of a job

From Mary Lee
Peking

A concert in Peking by the Australian pop group Men at Work has been suddenly cancelled, the victim, Western Diplomats said, of Communist Party sensitivity about the influx of "decadent Western ideology".

The group was due to perform in China in mid-November but the Ministry of Culture, now says: "This kind of music is not welcomed at the moment by Chinese youth."

However, Mr Carillo Gantner, the Australian Cultural Counsellor in Peking, in an interview with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, said: "The real reason is China's negative attitude to the British rock group Wham!".

US gives $400,000 for Contras' boots

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The United States is about to start distributing $27 million (£19 million) of aid to the guerrillas fighting th Sandinista Government of Nicaragua. One of the first cheques will be for $400,000 worth of boots.

Paying out such enormous sums in an area notable for its chronic disorganization raises serious practical problems for the dozen government officials who have to ensure that the cash is properly spent. Getting receipts, invoices, perhaps even guarantees, will be a mammoth problem.

The Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), the Honduras-based fighting team created by the Reagan Administration four years ago, has wasted no time in buying chronically needed boots for its thousands of fighters operating in the jungles of Nicaragua.

Señor Adolfo Calero, the FDN leader, who operates from an office in Miami, said the boots were ordered on August 29, the day President Reagan signed the Bill authorizing a resumption of non-military aid to the FDN

The money will be distributed through a special State Department section called the Office of Nicaraguan Humanitarian Assistance, which will do its best to ensure that the American taxpayer gets value for money and that the funds are not used for buying arms.

Mr Robert Duemling, its director, summoned three rebel leaders to Washington to discuss logistics. They were Señor Calero, Señor Arturo Cruz and Señor Alfonso Robelo who together head groups that make up the new United Nicaraguan opposition.

Briton's sentence upheld in Taiwan

Taipei (Reuter) – A Taiwan high court rejected an appeal by a British sailor yesterday and upheld a 10-year prison sentence imposed on him for starting a fire on board a British freighter which killed three people, his lawyer said.

Miss Grace Su, the lawyer, said the court in Tainan, south of the capital, upheld a lower court verdict on Robert Heaton, aged 28, from Sunderland. She said she would discuss the ruling with Mr Heaton, who was convicted in July of manslaughter,

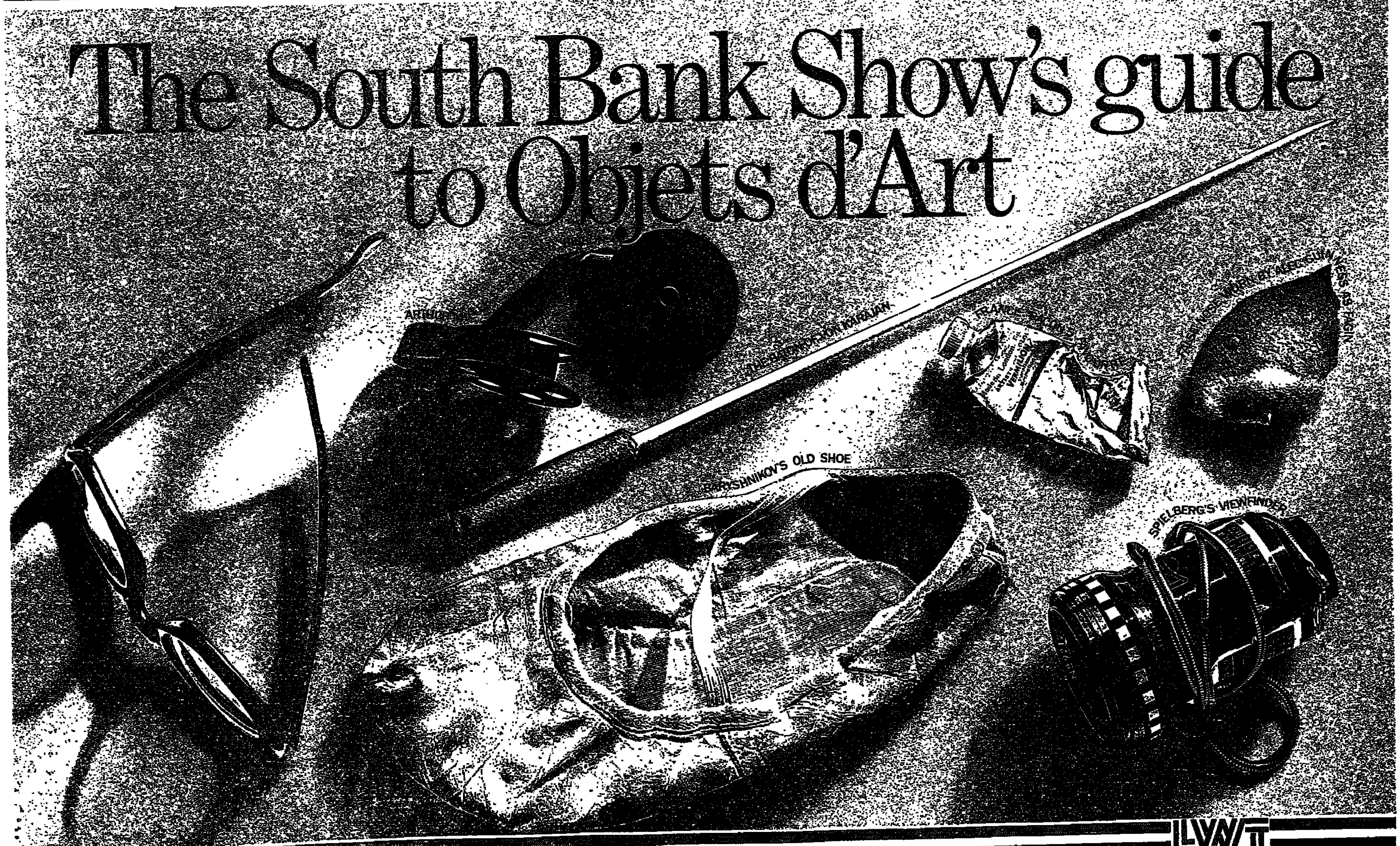
Mr Heaton denied that he had deliberately started the fire on May 5 on board the 91,000-ton Sir Alexander Glen. He said he had a few drinks that day and could not recall afterwards what happened.

Philippines admits gun battle near Sabah

Manila (Reuter) – The Philippines Foreign Ministry said yesterday that a gun-battle occured last week near the tiny southern island of Maranas close to the Malayasian state of Saban but did not say it involved Malaysian troops as previously claimed.

Philippines military sources in the southern city of Zamboanga said on Monday that 53 people were killed after Malaysian armed forces used gunboats and helicopter gunships to attack Maranas. Malaysia has denied that its forces attacked Maranas.

The Philippines Foreign Ministry said yesterday the attack on the Sabah town of Lahar Datu was led by "indentified pirates" who later fled towards Maranas.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The new season begins this Sunday on LWT with a scoop — a rare profile on that widely seen, but little known, actor — Alec Guinness. *The South Bank Show* will try to uncover the man behind the many disguises of Sir Alec, 'Man Of A Thousand Faces'.

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THE TIMES
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Newspapers are, by definition and name, ephemeral. What matters about them is tomorrow's issue. Yesterday's issues are wrapping for fish and chips, except that this practice is now prohibited by clean food legislation. Not many good fictions have been written about the perpetual evanescent hurly-burly of daily journalism: *Towards the End of the Morning*, by Michael Frayn; *The Front Page*, by Hecht and MacArthur; but not many others leap to mind.

Nevertheless, there is a curious fascination in old newspapers, which is clearly felt by those outside the trade. You have only to look at the scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings in attics and cellars around the country. Life is fleeting. Newspapers are the only cheap record easily available to most people. *The Times* is the paper of record, and the oldest daily newspaper in English. Its back numbers are a rich source of 200 turbulent years of history; life frozen in newsprint.

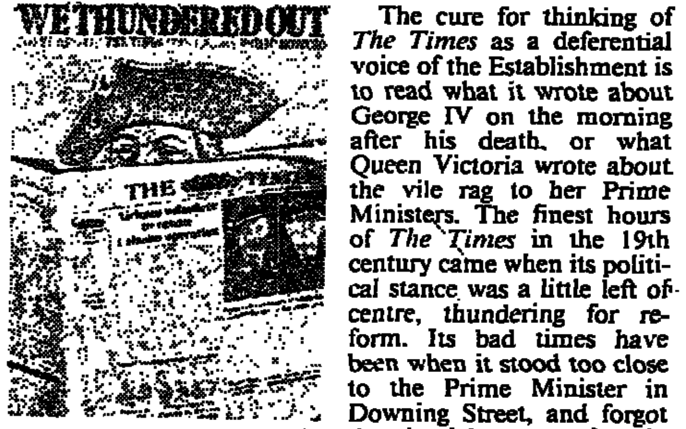
They are not quite what you might expect. There is a misapprehension widely spread among those who do not read *The Times* that it is a pompous, though endearing, voice of the British Establishment, which represents the official view. National institution, yes; voice of Establishment, no.

You have only to read a tiny fraction of sheets from *Times* past to recognize that *The Times* has had its finest hours when it has been a radical, campaigning, bloody-minded paper, questioning established wisdom, and when necessary blasting down governments with its thunderbolts.

In its early days, *The Times* had to pioneer the freedoms of the Press that we take for granted, in the teeth of obstinate and ferocious opposition from the Establishment and ruling classes.

In the political storm of the 19th century, *The Times* led the middle classes to a share in the government, and opened the road to today's mass democracy.

The cure for thinking of *The Times* as a deferential voice of the Establishment is to read what it wrote about George IV on the morning after his death, or what Queen Victoria wrote about the vile rag to her Prime Ministers. The finest hours of *The Times* in the 19th century came when its political stance was a little left of centre, thundering for reform. Its bad times have been when it stood too close to the Prime Minister in Downing Street, and forgot that the right posture for *The Times* is the high and mighty one that the centre of the world runs through Printing House Square.



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Pulling power: William Horton's 1929 photograph of a night express at St Pancras was a great favourite with readers

Riding on: for 50 years this William Horton picture of waggoners has been the most popular for reprint orders

Pioneering pictures

The Times has always been a paper of the printed word but it is not always recognized that it has also been a paper that leads the world in the imaginative and artistic use of illustrations.

Woodcuts were used in advertisements as early as 1786. Fine drawings of ships, catafalques and housing schemes were published in the early decades of the 19th century. A spectacular example came on April 7 1806, when the detailed ground-plan of a house was printed on the front page, to illustrate a murder.

In 1817 *The Times* illustrated its political shift to becoming the leading campaigner for Reform by reproducing "a view of the agricultural and manufacturing villages of unity and mutual cooperation", as envisaged by Robert Owen, the social reformer, early town planner, and a founding father of English socialism. For Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee in 1897 *The Times* was the first newspaper to publish a colour plate of her

The first halftone photograph was printed in *The Times* in 1914. The inspiration behind this advance was the new proprietor, Lord Northcliffe – the Chief – who had pioneered the picture paper with the *Daily Mirror*. He was determined to introduce pictures systematically into *The Times*: his stuffier readers, who had already objected vociferously to black and white line drawings in advertisements, muttered that he was going to turn *The Times* into a "threepenny *Mirror*".

Northcliffe was lucky enough to find U. V. Bogaerde, a man skilled in the new technology of photography, an artist always ready to try something new. Bogaerde's part in the history of press photography was as dramatic in its context as some of the parts that his son, Dirk Bogarde, has played on the screen. He was installed in an iron birdcage in the basement of Printing House Square to experiment with new techniques. The work was so secret that only Bogaerde and his collaborator had keys to the cage.

After the war, which interrupted these pioneering experiments, Bogaerde was employed as Art Editor and press photographer on Northcliffe's pet project, *The Times History of the War*.

On March 1, 1922, the Chief decided to go ahead with his picture revolution at *The Times*. As usual he did so in a theatrical and imperious way, ringing Bogaerde at eight in the morning and ordering him to prepare a full page of topical news pictures for publication in the next day's paper. The page proof, complete with captions, was to be submitted for approval to Lord Northcliffe at his house in Carlton House Gardens by midday. The proof was still wet and Bogaerde was five minutes late. But the Chief approved, and ordered a full page of pictures in *The Times* every day from then on.

The Agony Column: an essential keyhole on life

Some years ago *The Times* commissioned a survey into which parts of the newspaper were actually read. The secret exercise was depressing for the hard-working hacks who write the paper. The bits they wrote were generally outscored by the bits that were provided gratis, such as letters and the guest lists of memorial services and lunches at Downing Street on the Court Page.

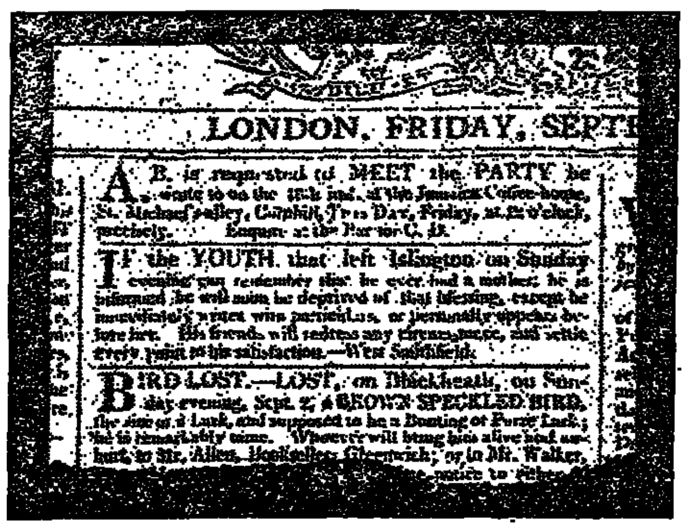
The Agony Column, as it is jocularly known, scored very well in the poll of the market researchers, as any fool could have told them. The personal advertisements in *The Times*, providing keyholes into the lives of the *Times*-reading classes in all their rich English eccentricity and incomprehensibility, have been a popular feature of the paper from its earliest days. The finest hour of the Agony Column was before May 1966, when it was banished from the front page. The splitting of it into a variety of commercial headings, with "Announcements" to cover the odds and ends, has also reduced its rich and diverse idiosyncrasy.

There is a little monograph to be written on the uses of the Agony Column of *The Times* in English literature, from the novels of Trollope and Henry James, to Sherlock Holmes who used it repeatedly as a hunting-ground for his eagle eye and a source of useful material for the lumber-room of his library.

Agony is a superior sobriquet. It appeared as early as 1880 in *The Times* itself: "A cryptogram in the Agony Column." In 1930 Wyndham Lewis wrote in a letter: "The Agony Column of *The Times* has echoed the rage of people who considered themselves to be attacked in *The Apes*." All human life is there in the personal ads, from the agony of mothers, to passionate declarations of love to, it has always been suspected, coded messages between criminals.

Small advertisements appeared in *The Times* from the beginning. They were usually for situations wanted or on offer, and for lodgings required. Gradually human interest and English dottiness started to infiltrate commerce. On December 18, 1800, we read, with a romantic sigh: "A CARD – If the lady whom a Gentleman handed into her carriage from Covent Garden Theatre on Wednesday will oblige the Advertiser with a line to Z.Z. saying if single or married, she will quiet the mind of a young nobleman, who has tried, but in vain, to find the lady."

Similar short stories of lost love, whether inserted by true lovers, or white-slavers and other con-men, were to echo plangently through the Agony Column from then on. Another recurrent theme was the agony that created the sobriquet. An early example was published on September 21, 1804: "YOUTH THAT LEFT ISLINGTON on Sunday evening: if the Youth can remember that he ever had a Mother, he is informed that he will soon be deprived of that blessing, except he immediately writes with Particulars, or Personally appears before, her." Gosh! Can she have survived until November 7, 1816, to insert the bitter question in the Agony Column: "PHILIP – Would PHILIP like to hear of his MOTHER'S DEATH?"



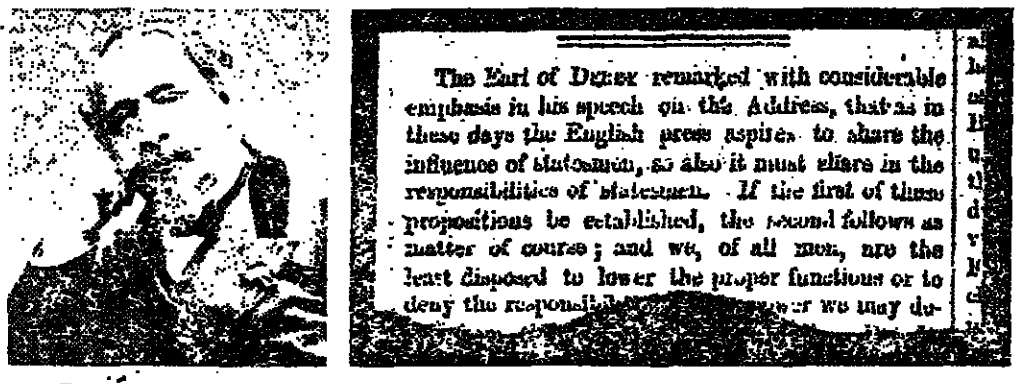
LONDON, FRIDAY, SEPT

A. B. is requested to MEET the PARTY he wrote to on the 18th inst. at the Jamaica Coffee-house, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, This Day, Friday, at Two o'clock, precisely. Enquire at the Bar for C. D.

IF the YOUTH, that left Islington on Sunday evening can remember that he ever had a mother, he is informed he will soon be deprived of that blessing, except he immediately writes with particulars, or personally appears before her. His friends will redress any grievance, and settle every point to his satisfaction.—West Smithfield.

BIRD LOST.—LOST, on Blackheath, on Sunday evening, Sept. 2, A BROWN SPECKLED BIRD, the size of a Lark, and supposed to be a Bunting or Furze Lark; he is remarkably tame. Whoever will bring him alive and unhurt, to Mr. Allen, Bookseller, Greenwich; or to Mr. Walker,

On the look-out: messages in the personal column



The Earl of Derby remarked with considerable emphasis in his speech on the Address, that as in these days the English press aspires to share the influence of statesmen, so also it must share in the responsibilities of statesmen. If the first of these propositions be established, the second follows as matter of course; and we, of all men, are the least disposed to lower the proper functions or to deny the responsi [illegible] we may de-

Press opponents: Louis Napoleon (left) and a report on the Earl of Derby's attack

Publish and be damned

The liberty of the press is the palladium of all the civil, political, and religious rights of an Englishman. Much cant and fog are still generated about the freedom of the press. Governments and Parliament still threaten newspapers with D-notices, the Official Secrets Act and the Press Council. In reply newspapers declaim passages from *Areopagitica*: "Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely, according to conscience, above all liberties."

Freedom from political control was won and defined in the 19th century by *The Times*. Before then newspapers depended on politicians for their news and licences to print. The Government or an Opposition party gave the hacks a subsidy and titbits of convenient or suitably doctored news. In return the hacks supported their patrons and blackguarded the opposition. By its commercial success and its independent news-gathering service; *The Times* freed itself and thereafter the rest of the press from such dependence.

Occasionally the great change in journalism was defined by an almighty row. The first occasion arose when Prince Louis Napoleon assumed power in France in 1851 in a *coup d'état*. The Government broadly approved of him. *The Times* did not, and riddled him with a salvo of thunderous leaders. It described him as "a man who has extinguished freedom among the most advanced nations of the Continent".

Louis Napoleon, who had spent a long time in England before his *coup*, understood the power of *The Times* to stimulate, to anticipate, and on occasions to organize British public opinion. His dislike of criticism in *The Times* became a personal matter. He tried bribery. His ambassador wrote to him explaining that the newspaper could not be bought: "Venal in the sense that its policy can be influenced with money, that is absolutely false and I defy anyone to achieve that result even with a considerable sum of money".

Accordingly, Louis Napoleon tried to bully the British government into muzzling *The Times*. In the Debates on the Address on February 3, 1852, the Prime Minister, and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lords, the Earl of Derby, put the official case for limiting the freedom of the press with a decent restraint: "If, as in these days, the press aspires to exercise the influence of statesmen, the press should remember that they are not free from the corresponding responsibility of statesmen, and that it is incumbent on them, as a sacred duty, to maintain that tone of moderation and respect even in expressing frankly their opinions on foreign affairs which would be required of every man who pretends to guide public opinion."

John Walter III, the owner of *The Times*, and his editor, John Delane, still in his early thirties, saw this as a good opportunity to declare the principles of press freedom that they were creating. Walter wrote to Delane: "A very good article might be written, pointing out the different functions of statesmen and journalists, and showing that although journalists may aspire to be statesmen, still their responsibility is due not to foreign governments, but to the British public, who will say what they think whether cabinets feel themselves hampered or not."

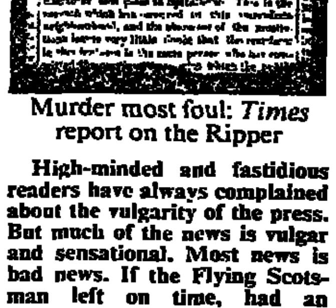
The Times published its counter-attack in two parts on February 6 and 7. It has become a sacred text of press freedom in the continual struggle between politicians and journalists.

The identity of the writer of a leading article in *The Times* is kept secret. Anonymity protects the writer from pressure and lends authority to his opinions. Nevertheless the identity of the writers of every leader is recorded in a leather-bound book kept in the archives, and thus it is known that the first blast of the trumpet on the freedom of the press was written by Robert Lowe and Henry Reeve, two of Delane's most powerful leader writers.

Ripping yarns of the macabre

Of all the juicy murders that have enlivened the pages of *The Times*, and made the flesh of its readers creep with macabre pleasure, none can compare with those of Jack the Ripper. Between August and November 1888, while the Ripper went about his business in London's East End, *The Times* published many thousands of words about the murders: on the false arrests, rewards offered, reported captures, ludicrous theories and, inevitably, hundreds of letters from readers. There were charts and plans for the simple-minded.

The reporters spared no gruesome detail. The report of the murder and mutilation of Mary Ann Kelly (November 10, 1888) ran to more than 5,000 words. Among other details, *The Times* recorded for posterity that Mary Ann's throat had been cut from ear to ear, right down to the spinal column. "The ears and nose had been cut clean off. The breasts had also been cut clean off, and placed on a table. The stomach and abdomen had been ripped open. The kidneys and heart had also been removed from the body. The liver had likewise been removed and placed on the right thigh. . . ." Etc, etc, *ad nauseam*.



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ANOTHER WHITECHAPEL MURDER.

Murder most foul: *Times* report on the Ripper

High-minded and fastidious readers have always complained about the vulgarity of the press. But much of the news is vulgar and sensational. Most news is bad news. If the Flying Scotsman left on time, had an uneventful journey, and arrived on time, that was not news. If it crashed, killing a hundred passengers, that was news, because everybody wanted to read about it.

From the treatment by *The Times*, and the letters it published, it is evident that its readers wanted to know every possible detail about Jack the Ripper. Let us not sneer at them. The same relish for horror and scandal is alive and flourishes today.

The Victorians may have justified their interest in the Ripper by the high moral tone of the paper's leading articles. Such events could not go unnoticed even at that August level. No fewer than six editorials appeared during the Ripper months.

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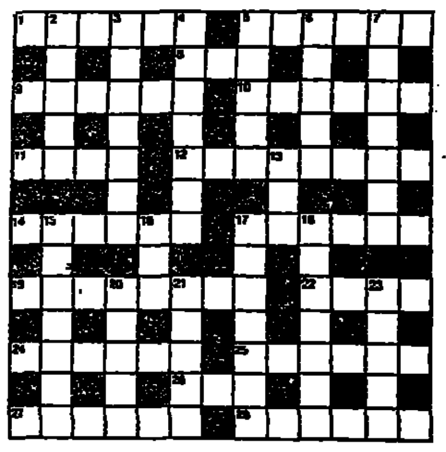

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The Hall of fame and fortune

Yvonne Roberts hears some tall tales from Jerry Hall, the Texan who makes sex sound like the longest word in the English language

Suresh Karadia

❛ You should hear what people have been asking me . . . I felt like saying: 'Don't you think that's a bit personal . . . ?'❜

Jerry Hall talking about her life and love with Mick Jagger

At 7.45am in the make-up room of TV-am, Jerry Hall, dressed in a Chanel suit and a multitude of pearls, sketches in the details of her face. She is very pleasant, has an ironic sense of humour and, contrary to the view of some of those enthusing around her, she is only human. The baby, *that* baby, James Leroy Augustin Jagger, aged four weeks, failed to act as her 6am alarm call.

In 40 minutes, therefore, she has breastfed him, dressed and been driven from Kensington where she is staying in a rented house with James; Elizabeth Scarlett, aged 19 months; a maternity nurse and a nanny. "My friends in New York all say, 'My Gaaad, Jerry, I'd have a baby too if I could have *two* nannies'," she says in a Texan drawl which *makes* 'sex' sound like the longest word in the English language.

At 8.25am, on screen, sex in a variety of disguises gets mentioned again . . . as Henry Kelly trots Jerry Hall rapidly through the first 50 pages of her autobiography, *Tall Tales**. It is the second television interview (Wogan on the previous night, concentrated on Mick Jagger as the Dr Spock of rock 'n' roll) in a four-day publicity circuit.

Jerry recites her background. She is one of twins, Terry Jaye and Jerry Faye. She has three other sisters, a remarkable mama and a daddy who, when he wasn't driving dangerous chemicals long distance, would drink, gamble and thump hell out of the family back home in Mesquite, Texas.

In the days he *was* away, the five girls and mama, who had seen *Gone with the Wind* 16 times, did all the things girls do, face packs, clothes and stuff. At 16, Jerry went off to Paris with a suitcase full of outfits made by mama copied from Frederick's of Hollywood catalogue; outfits that made a well-dressed girl look like Jayne Mansfield.

It is now 8.45am in the TV-am studio and Barry McGuigan, sitting alongside Jerry Hall like a little David against Goliath, appears as stunned as he is ever likely to be in his boxing career. And Henry Kelly has finally come to the point of it all. How is Mick in the nursery?

Jerry Hall has a giggle which spreads across her conversations like melting chocolate. "He's greeeaat", she says. She explains how he sings Jumpin' Jack Flash and the babies just "looove it. It sends them right to sleep". And when he's performing on stage, she feels *so* proud.

She drawls: "I look at him and I think 'That's maah man'."It seems so spontaneous, instant intimacy, lifted straight from page 120 of *Tall Tales*. It still sounds spontaneous when she says it for the fourth time later in the day. "Ooh", responds Anne Diamond, "*that's lovely*."

On the publication of her book, Jerry Hall joins what is probably the only growth industry remaining in Britain; the "kiss and tell" business. Ostensibly, *Tall Tales* is an autobiography but as Jerry Hall is the first to admit, *at 29, there's not that much* to tell. Even if, like Jerry Hall, you move very fast (first job at 11; first car at 14; first lover at 15; first headlines at 17; first pop star, Bryan Ferry, at 18; first and only Rolling Stone at 20).

In kiss and tell revelations, it's not what you've done, that counts anyway. It's what you've done with whom we know. Usually, it brings fleeting notoriety, some revenge and hard cash. The rest of us wonder how a person can reveal such intimate details. And read on.

If a personality represents the public's current fantasy, then he also stands the risk of reliving a long forgotten one night stand serialized in print for weeks.

Jerry Hall sits in the television studio hospitality room and reads impassively an interview gleaned from yesterday's publicity round. "'I *am* a modern day courtesan'", she reads out. "I never said that. She asked me if I was." So far, the women journalists have been interested in sex; the men in babies. And everybody in Jagger, who has been reported as saying he will marry Jerry soon.

Jerry Hall explains that she wrote the book because she wanted it to be "inspirational". You too can own a fur, cohabit with a pop star, earn thousands having your photograph taken and live a life which is one permanent Happy Ending. Jerry is an evangelical Positive Thinker. Mama in Mesquite brought her girls up on Norman Vincent Peale's *The Power of Positive Thinking*.

Jerry's message is: any of y'all can *make it if you just think positive*. Push yourself to go out there and git it. "The book is a Cinderella story", she says. "I've had lots of letters from girls who've said, 'Thank you so much, it's been a great inspiration.' It shows people how to overcome obstacles, have goals."

Inspirational it may be, but it's still kiss and tell – or rather hint and titillate. And part of a very clever piece of marketing by Jerry Hall herself, aided and abetted, she points out, by her co-star in the book, Mr Jagger.

At 20, Jerry Hall earned several thousand dollars a week, owned a mink and had a small taste of the limelight (dancing on tables in Paris, leg wrestling, and downing 11 tequilas in one session, does tend to attract attention particularly if executed in a Frederick's of Hollywood imitation). Then, she met Mick Jagger and became not Jerry Hall, model – but Jerry Hall Incorporated, a whole new consumer product; the five-star celebrity.

Celebrities, at times, seem to be the only goods we now manufacture. Nevertheless, demand still exceeds supply. Chat shows, television shows, newspapers and magazines, they all require celebrities for "news" and "world exclusives" and glitz. Unlike some celebrities, however, Jerry Hall doesn't view her function as important but simply as a job she loves. She is an artisan of fame and makes no apologies.

And, *of course*, she's going to sell world exclusive rights to the photographs of her son. Good God! If she gave them away, she'd no longer be a Celebrity. In the same way, *Tall Tales* is a means of spreading her "fame" still further. It is her celebrity's curriculum vitae. And never mind the casualties.

"Poor Bryan", Jerry says. It is 9.30am and she is being driven back to base for a breastfeeding session before the next radio interview. "It all happened eight years ago and now he's a happily married man and all." Bryan Ferry was Jerry Hall's fiance. In her book she makes a few acerbic comments, but nothing more vindictive than claiming he was too tight to call her long distance on a two month foreign tour, ("I couldn't believe that. I mean he *was* a rock star").

She explains her kiss and tell dilemma. "I only had 27 years to write about when I began the book and I spent a lot of time with him, so how *could* I leave him out? Poor Bryan."

She says she spent last night in bed cringing about an interview she had earlier with a woman journalist. She had asked Jerry the most intimate details about Mick's anatomical preferences and so on. "I felt like saying. 'Don't you think that's a bit personal?'."

And why hadn't she? "I'm to naaaice", Jerry drawls. "Mick says I should tell them to sod off. Instead, I say 'I'm sure your editor makes you ask those questions'. 'Not at all', they reply, '*They're all my own idea*'."

Jerry with Elizabeth and James: 'Mick sings them to sleep'

Jerry Hall knows, however, that publicity is the celebrity's plasma and in exchange for a cringe and brief invasion of privacy, she receives a double-page spread in *The Sun*, a satisfactory bargain. "You can tell people *some* things and I do in the book", she says. "But I mean, you don't have to be *gross*. All people want to talk about is sex, sex, sex . . ." Well, only because she has laid the clues in the book.

"How long have we got?" Jerry Hall asks Matthew Bannister, recording an interview for Capital Radio. "As long as you like", he replies. "Say, about five minutes? Are you prepared to talk about *everything?*" he adds. "I mean everything in the book?"

Jerry Hall makes a tactical manoeuvre. "You should *hear* what people have been asking me", she says, wide-eyed innocence, the word "hear" bending in the middle. "I mean who cares *what* people do in bed?" Bannister's grin falters briefly.

Then we're off again, mama's influence; Paris; Frederick's of Hollywood; Bannister keeps away from sex for a full six minutes. Finally he asks: "What about sexual relations with photographers?" Jerry gives the chocolate giggle.

She says: "*I don't know if* you can say it on radio", but goes ahead anyway. "Bailey always says to me, 'Look at the camera as if you're being . . . .' I just laugh." She is expert at the art of calculated naivety. Bannister is *smiling again*. This time it's an eight-minute grin. And we're into the home run; Jagger in the nursery singing Jumpin' Jack Flash, "That's maah man . . ." et al.

At noon at British Forces Broadcasting, Tommy Vance is recording a *two-hour daily programme* which *is* heard by 10 million. "Is he oriental?" Jerry Hall asks the producer. 'No", she replies, "he comes from Highgate."

"Have you any idea why you're appealing?" Tommy Vance asks in studio, obviously celebrity-proofed. Jerry Hall gives the giggle and calls upon *The Power of Positive Thinking*. "I'm professional in my job, I try to amuse people as I work and I act positively", she replies. Mama in Mesquite would be proud.

She goes on to recite a story from *Tall Tales* about her first photographic session with Helmut Newton in Paris. He dressed her in leather and whips and took her to the red light district. "'This isn't modelling'", I told him, 'it's porn.' 'Are you kidding?' he replied, 'this *is art*'."

"And what happened to the negatives?" Tommy Vance asks. It is the titillation tango once again and Jerry Hall is well in control.

She has a further three interviews that day and another half dozen over the next 48 hours. It is more repetitive than exacting; a conveyor belt of "That's maah man. . . ." In the car back to breastfeeding base, she "reveals" that she is happy, wants to write a novel about fashion, and Mick Jagger is actually a fairly ordinary family man. She's infected him with normality.

"Mick told me he read somewhere that rock stars have breakdowns because they lose touch with reality", she says. "He said he was thinking about it the other day when he was *loading up the station wagon* with baby stuff and said, 'There's no fear of that now'".

Jerry Hall is an ardent disciple of the superficial who has given the kiss and tell industry an unaccustomed professional sheen, but she's also *friendly* and without conceit and while others might not want to franchise their love affairs in quite her way, she doesn't try to hide the motives: fame and money. "The Chinese have a saying", she offers. "If you have a baby, plant a tree and write a book, you become eternal." She's never pretended her ambitions are modest: the immortal celebrity.

**Jerry Hall's Tall Tales* with Christopher Hemphill, Elm Tree Books, £6.95

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Tickled back to the pink of health

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Pan scourers, ice cubes and tickled feet may not sound suitable care for people in deep comas, but victims of accidents who have severe head injuries are likely to be given such treatment if they end up at Birmingham Accident Hospital. It is just part of the plan for rehabilitating these patients who otherwise – left in a darkened room with no stimulation – will vegetate.

The style was first adopted nearly 30 years ago after Jack Thackeray, an ex-Army physical training instructor, joined the rehabilitation team. The hospital has a successful record in enabling patients to rejoin their families and many now lead perfectly normal lives. Despite this, the hospital is the only one in the country which provides continuous care from the moment a patient arrives in an ambulance.

Mr Thackeray is reluctant to start treatment on anyone who has been in a deep coma for more than six weeks, but otherwise there are few limits. Once a patient's condition has stabilized and the blood gases are controlled, he starts work: talking; cajoling; rubbing ice on the soles of the feet or putting ice in the throat; bouncing the patient up and down on large rubber balls; and rubbing the skin with pan scourers. Gradually patients emerge from deep unconsciousness.

Mr Thackeray was shown at work on Yorkshire Television's *Where There's Life* and describes himself as a campaigner:

"*It is* so easy to turn these patients into vegetables by doing nothing. They should be irritated."

Backing for pain killers

Complain to your doctor about lower back pain and he will probably prescribe pain killers and tell you to take it easy. If he does, don't be disappointed; this is probably the best he can do.

Dr Ray Gilbert, a family doctor from Hamilton, Ontario, decided to take a careful look at the real value of two other treatments doctors often recommend over analgesics alone: bed rest or physiotherapy plus health education.

Of more than 250 patients studied, those who simply took pain killers did just as well, if not better, than people sent home to bed or to the physiotherapist. Irrespective of treatment most people were back to active life within a fortnight. But other research has shown that bed rest and physiotherapy can help.

New cure for dandruff

Dandruff is caused by a yeast – that's official, according to Professor Sam Shuster, of Newcastle Royal Infirmary's department of dermatology.

The theory has been around for more than 100 years. It was first put forward by a Dr Malassez in the 1870s and was later supported by a Frenchman – Dr Sabouraud – around the turn of the century. But the theory fell into disrepute almost, it seems, because it did not appear to be scientific enough. In recent decades, the theory of rapid cell turnover in the scalps of susceptible individuals found greater favour.

Professor Shuster has reviewed the extensive literature on the subject and concludes that the yeast Pityrosporum (and a fungus) is the culprit, and that a number of researchers who rejected the yeast theory ignored the evidence.

Why some people suffer more than others remains a mystery. Professor Shuster points out that yeast is responsible for all scaly scalp conditions, from a few flakes of skin to nasty cases of seborrhoeic eczema and psoriasis. The compounds which are effective in controlling them include selenium sulphide and zinc pyrithidione.

Professor Shuster expects that a new generation of more powerful anti-fungal agents, which have only been used in trials so far, will be available in the next year or so. People whose dandruff obstinately persists despite the shampoos currently on the market, may at last be saved the embarrassment of snowy shoulders.

Sponge could fight infection

The Today sponge, on sale in United Kingdom pharmacies as a contraceptive, may soon also be used to treat women with vaginal infections.

The sponge's American manufacturer, the VLI Corporation, is attempting to produce a modified sponge which can be used to treat such infections. Sponges impregnated with the spermacide nonoxynol-9 help prevent pregnancy; but the spermacide could easily be substituted by anti-bacterial and anti-fungal drugs.

Trials of a sponge impregnated with metronidazole, which acts against trichomoniasis, are already underway in America and studies of a sponge *containing an anti-fungal preparation* for thrush are planned.

If the sponge works, it is likely to offer some distinct advantages to women. It is comfortable, easy to use and not likely to be messy.

According to Dr Barbara North, VLI medical director, another plus factor would be the low cost. The sponge need only carry a fraction of the amount of drug contained in pessaries and creams.

Streamlining antenatal care

Start a conversation with a group of pregnant women and it is likely that at least one of them will complain about her experiences at the antenatal clinic: she had to wait for hours to see a doctor and then the consultation only lasted couple of minutes; she never sees the same doctor at consecutive appointments; she is treated like an imbecile by patronizing junior medical staff, and the little information she is given only duplicates what she has already learnt from her GP.

Dr Geoffrey Marsh, a general practitioner from Stockton-on-Tees, has written to the *British Medical Journal* about a successful system he has introduced in his own practice which halves the number of antenatal appointments for women with straightforward pregnancies.

Traditional routine antenatal care – monthly attendances to 32 weeks, then every two weeks to the 36th week and weekly to delivery – started in the 1930s. Under the Marsh system for first pregnancies, women have eight appointments (instead of 15) and women with at least one child have only six appointments. But this system gives the women much more time to chat to a doctor and the midwife, as the consultations are longer and more relaxed.

At the same time it frees the medical team so they can devote more attention to those women who are at risk from complications and who account for about 25 per cent of the total.

Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser

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Peer bonding

There is mounting speculation at the Labour Party Conference in Bournemouth that Neil Kinnock is to make Valerie Cocks, wife of Labour's outgoing chief whip Michael Cocks, a working Labour peer. It is known that Cocks himself is to be recommended for a peerage in the dissolution honours list – thereby not only rewarding a distinguished parliamentary career but also extracting him both from reselection difficulties and Kinnock's hair. A peerage for his wife, known chiefly for running Labour Friends of Israel, would be a remarkable bonus.

○ Wags who billed Neil Kinnock's encounter with ANC leader Oliver Tambo in Bournemouth yesterday as Rambo meets Tambo were already out of date. Kinnock's latest nickname is Ramboyo.

Sea-front line

After Handsworth, Brixton and Toxteth the next place to erupt in an orgy of looting and rioting will be Ramsgate. Ramsgate? Well, that's what local Tory MP Jonathan Aitken fears. So concerned is he that he toured the sea-front with the police a few nights ago. What happened? "In terms of major public disorder it was relatively quiet," admitted Aitken, a former Special Constable. He puts the lack of trouble down to a heavy police presence. There are other explanations.

Soft right

Roll over Friedrich von Hayek. The Conservative Party has a new philosopher, one Jeffrey Archer. The pulp novelist divulges to *Cosmopolitan Man* next month the real reason for his return to politics: "I do it for love; and because I love human beings". Similar mush had infected his private office yesterday when I asked why Archer was helping sponsor a GLC painting competition: "Art is art. It transcends politics, doesn't it?" It is a relief to report some plain speaking by *My Music* host Steve Race who met Archer at this week's Tie Man of the Year beano. Said Archer: "I do so love your programme". To which SDP member Race replied: "Thanks very much. I wish I could say the same about yours".

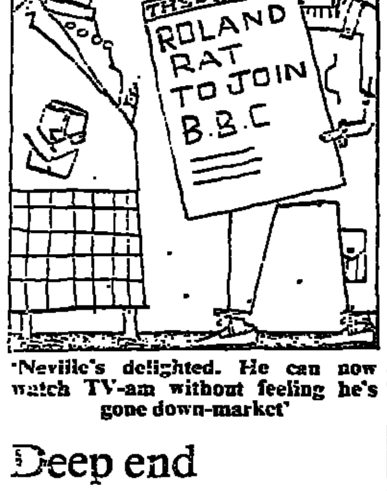
Wall to wall

Where is *The Times* of yesteryear? The death of German press magnate Axel Springer reminds a reader that part of the answer is Berlin. When our old Printing House Square offices were rebuilt in 1962, Springer had the oak panelling shipped to Berlin, to adorn the luxurious club for foreign journalists which he opened on top of his 20-storey skyscraper there. The effect apparently is of an Athenaeum Club overlooking the Berlin wall.

Full-length

There have been two focal points in Bournemouth this week. One is the Conference Centre. The other is Mirror Group headquarters – alias the five-star Royal Bath Hotel – where Captain Bob installed himself and his massive entourage. He took with him no less than 42 staff (including two entertainment managers, two personal secretaries and two PR men), his own telephone system and switchboard, some computers, a facsimile machine, a shredding machine and a microwave oven. Trays groaning with food and drink have been pouring into the entire corridor occupied by Maxwell. A helicopter has ferried guests from London. Unfortunately it has been landing on the hotel's back lawn, propelling food from the plates of other guests.

BARRY FANTONI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ROLAND RAT TO JOIN B.B.C

'Neville's delighted. He can now watch TV-am without feeling he's gone down-market'

Deep end

The Labour conference, so quick to condemn the police, would have been tickled even redder had it realized the identities of the dozen shirtsleeved people painstakingly scrubbing black marks off the floor of the Bournemouth Conference Centre's huge new swimming pool early yesterday morning. They were shamefaced police officers who, evidently tired of guarding the centre from non-existent terrorists the night before, had discovered that the emptied pool made a perfect five-a-side football pitch. Their chief officer, I'm told, angrily summoned them from their homes at dawn when he saw the resultant mess and set them to work. Officially, however, Bournemouth police station was maintaining yesterday that the officers had merely "volunteered" to clean off "marks left by police boots in the course of normal security searching".

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Unwrap this package with care

Henry Stanhope on questions the US should ask about the Soviet arms offer

It will take some time for the West in general and the United States in particular to digest and react to the wide-ranging Soviet proposals on arms control outlined by Mikhail Gorbachov in Paris yesterday. But whatever the official reaction may be, and however it advances the tripartite arms talks in Geneva, the Moscow initiative will be seen as an important benchmark in the stop-go 16-year history of superpower negotiations.

In essence it addresses the two most pressing concerns of both the Soviet Union and the US by arguing for a ban on space weapons (Moscow's chief worry) in return for halving the total of strategic (i.e. long-range) nuclear weapons – a long-standing objective in Washington. Mindful of Europe's own nightmares, Gorbachov has further affirmed his faith in the superpowers' ability to reach agreement on reducing the totals of the intermediate-range missiles, such as the Russian SS-20s and American Pershing-2s and cruise missiles, which have mushroomed in recent years on this side of the Atlantic.

The chief American concern in recent years has been over the size and accuracy of the Soviet land-based strategic missiles, or ICBMs. The Russians have 1,398 of these, comprising 6,420 separate warheads – each of which is capable of striking accurately at a target in the US. The Americans have 1,030 such launchers, carrying just 2,130 warheads.

The reasons for this discrepancy are largely historical. The Russians orginally built bigger land-based missiles than the Americans because they needed to compensate for their inferior technology and relatively poor accuracy. The Americans, with superior technology, concentrated on building the less vulnerable missile-carrying submarines and on perfecting multi-warhead missiles or (MIRVs).

But the Russians caught up – as everyone knew they would. As a result they now have missiles whose accuracy rivals that of the American counterparts, and which are much bigger. They can also carry more warheads than the American ICBMs – hence American concern in recent years about placing a limit on the "throw-weight" of missiles.

Because these land-based missiles are launched from more stable platforms than those fired from submarines – or the bombs dropped by the US fleet of B-52s and their Russian equivalents – they are more accurate and pose a more dangerous threat of a pre-emptive strike. In any reduction of strategic weapons Washington will want to ensure that these big Russian missiles are included.

But the focal point of Soviet concern has been the progress in American space technology. The Russians have their own anti-satellite weapon system, while the American equivalent is still being only tested. Moreover the Soviet Union has been researching the potential of lasers and particle-beam weapons for at least as long as the Americans have. It was American alarm over Soviet research work which first made Star Wars begin to seem like a reality some eight ago.

The superiority of US technology, coupled with Reagan's declared plan to equip his country with a space-based system capable of destroying Russian ICBMs in early flight, have undoubtedly forced Moscow back to the Geneva negotiating table and now, it would seem, to make a constructive attempt to bargain. How far the US will be willing, or even able, to negotiate over programmes which are only in a research stage remains to be seen. But the prospect of deep cuts in strategic weapons – which the US has for so long demanded – means that it cannot afford to discard the Soviet package lightly.

The Soviet Union has long tried to include the British and French strategic deterrents in any deal with the US. Its decision to drop this demand was seen as a concession during the negotiations on the first Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (Salt-1) between 1969 and 1972. It raised the question again throughout the last series of Geneva talks on intermediate-range nuclear forces.

But the British and the French have always pointed out that their tiny deterrents represent only about 3 per cent of the superpower totals and that they would agree to discuss reductions only when the Russians and Americans had drastically cut their own arsenals.

Might that time now be approaching, after 50 per cent cuts by the superpowers? It seems unlikely, even with the prospect of direct negotiations. Gorbachov politely drew a distinction between the British Polaris submarines, which are Nato-committed, and the French equivalents, which are not. He also reminded the West of the imminent leap forward in the British deterrent which will convert from Polaris to Trident-2 missiles in the 1990s.

Finally, Gorbachov has held out hope of making progress at both the Geneva-based talks on chemical weapons and those in Stockholm on confidence-building measures in Europe.

Doubts about verification techniques have held up progress at the former – and detailed Russian remedies will need to be sought. As for Stockholm, the West has tabled a number of constructive suggestions which merit more serious attention than they have received in Moscow. There are grounds for some optimism that the Soviet leaders means what he says, but we need to know more.

Indeed, we need to know a great deal more before the full impact of the Soviet proposals can be evaluated. But is it a package which will need to be unwrapped very carefully before any part of it reaches the trashcan.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

The fascists Germany can afford to keep

Paula Youens

I have had a good many letters about my recent column concerning the inhabitants of the "leafy suburb" of Gatow, in West Berlin. (For those who did *not* see it, I should say that it condemned, rather sharply, the demand by the inhabitants of the said suburb to have the nearby RAF firing-range closed or removed, because it was causing them annoyance and depreciating the value of their expensive houses. I pointed out that the RAF were engaged on the defence of the citizens of Berlin, as they had been on an earlier occasion in the Berlin Airlift which saved the city from starvation as well as from incorporation in the Soviet Empire. For good measure, I drew the attention of the Gatovians to their proximity to the Berlin Wall, and asked them whether they would prefer to live on the other side of it. Now read on.)

One of the letters came from Gatow itself. The writer was Oberleutnant G. von Lützow, and his letter read, in full and *sic*: "This is our answer on you Mr Levin! The Gatower people! Are you Jewish? We think so!"

The "this" referred to by the Herr Oberleutnant was a leaflet, which I shall discuss in a moment, but first I am obliged to confirm his worst fears: yes, I *am* Jewish. What is more, I am one of the dreaded Elders of Zion, engaged in taking over the world. As a first step, I have been instructed to gather a band of like-minded members of the Hebrew persuasion, and then to don impenetrable disguise, travel to Gatow, kidnap the Oberleutnant and forcibly circumcise him. What this will do to his standing in the shower room of the local rugger club I dare not imagine, but orders, as some people in his country used to say, are orders.

Now to the leafet, which may henceforth be cited as Von Lützow's Reply. It is put out by an organization called the *Nationalistische Front*, and for those of my readers who know no German, I willingly translate: it means Nationalist Front, and the organizers helpfully abbreviate this to NF. The slogan of the German NF is *Nur der organisierte Wille bedeutet Macht:* this is a little more difficult than the name itself, so I am again most willing to translate. It means "Only the organized Will means power".

I dare say. The rest of the NF's leaflet is couched in the kind of terms you would expect from that introduction. "All foreigners out!" "Protection of life instead of Capital!" "Prevent usury and speculation!" The organizers declare that ("Germany for the Germans!") they have stood up and found their pride again – the pride to be German; they refer to their enemies and their enemies' German collaborators, and they put the adjective in inverted commas, to show that such people are not really German at all.

Und so weiter, which is the German for et cetera. There is much for comment here, and I shall duly provide some, but first there is a small but troubling matter to dispose of. Oberleutnant von Lützow gives no indication of his age: it is therefore not possible to tell whether he is a former member of the Wehrmacht or a serving officer of the Bundeswehr. If it is the latter, it might be a good idea for somebody with a higher rank than Oberleutnant to have a word with him: I don't know whether political campaigning is permitted in the German Armed Forces, but even if it is I imagine that an *Augenbraue*, or eyebrow, might be raised at the terms in which his favoured party couch their appeal to the German masses.

There is more irony in this business than the Herr Oberleutnant may be aware of. I think I may claim to have been the most pro-German journalist in this country for the last three decades. I have repeatedly said that the nature and quality of the Federal Republic's rebirth is the most remarkable and heartening phenomenon of the postwar world, and has few parallels in any period of history. For the Germans to go, in hardly more than a decade, from the stinking ruins of Nazism to a truly cleansed democratic republic, is a tribute not only to them but to the human race and its powers of regeneration.

Look at the fate of totalitarian parties, Communist and neo-Nazi, in the Federal Republic. Originally they were banned, and the constitutional provision against them is still in force, but for some years now those which have not been too blatant about their nature and aims (there is no reference to Jews as such *anywhere* in Oberleutnant von Lützow's NF leaflet) have been tolerated. And they have been tolerated for two excellent reasons.

First, it has come to be thought better, in a soundly-based democratic state, for anti-democratic organizations to be allowed to do their work in daylight rather than in the dark, where they may prove to be ultimately more dangerous. (In Britain, neither the National Front not the Socialist Workers Party is banned, and I hope that neither ever will be.)

The second reason for the toleration of anti-democratic *groupuscules* in Federal Germany is provided by the strictness of the Constitutional Court which is charged with ruling on applications for an order of prohibition made by the government of the day. The court has shown itself to be very firm in its interpretation of the provisions under which a party may be banned; the upshot has been that even some of the vilest organizations have been left alone, provided they stay within the law and also, even though only barely, within decency.

It is not, therefore, a love of paradox that prompts me to welcome Oberleutnant von Lützow's letter and leaflet rather than shuddering at them. For they remind me of how insignificant in Germany his kind are, how little progress they have made in their forlorn desire to turn the clock back to half-past hell, how firm are the foundations of modern German democracy, how weird would be the thought that free Germany should ever again fight on the opposite side to Britain or France.

There will always be the occasional Oberleutnant von Lützow, as there will always be an NF in Germany and for that matter in Britain. But they do not matter. What does matter is that in neither country will they ever play any significant part in the political process, just as their mirror-images on the left (at least when they sail under their own colours) will ever do so. We in Britain may well feel proud of the immense antiquity of our parliamentary institutions and freedoms. I rather think that the Germans have at least as much right to feel proud of the extraordinary youth of theirs. Meanwhile, it is legitimate to ask the other protestors of Gatow whether *they* are proud of the company they are keeping.

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Unesco: has the last chance been lost?

Paris

The five-week general conference of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco), which opens in Sofia on Tuesday, will be crucial both for Unesco itself and for the prospects of international cooperation in general. Efforts to reform Unesco have become a test case for the United Nations, and the conference will demonstrate whether Unesco has the will or ability to rescue itself from the administrative chaos, irrelevance, and political mischief into which it has slid over the past decade.

It will also determine whether the democracies whose ideals are reflected in its constitution can work with Unesco fruitfully. For British ministers, it will decide whether or not Britain cancels its notice to withdraw from Unesco at the end of this year.

The auguries are not good. Unesco's governing executive board has agonized for 18 months over a "reform programme" – initially, and unsuccessfully, to forestall the American departure last year but, as Unesco's crisis has deepened, increasingly to prevent its final disintegration.

Some things have been achieved. More information has been extracted from the secretive Unesco than ever before. The dispersal of Unesco's efforts, the slackness with which it implements programmes (many of which, a recent internal report to the board showed, are little valued by its members), the degree of political bias, and the irresponsibility of its management have been laid relatively bare.

The facts thus revealed highlight the inadequacy of the proposed reforms however, which in no sense curb the extraordinary powers of its director-general, Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow.

From the beginning, western governments pitched their demands too low. Much more radical proposals by the US were cold-shouldered by its allies.

Is the West serious? The performance of Britain, self-styled leader of the reform movement, has betrayed a schizophrenia which baffles both allies and opponents. Only convincing evidence of a return to administrative probity, efficiency and responsiveness to the states which finance Unesco, together with a real prospect that its programme offer valuable and irreplaceable services to education, science and culture, will keep Britain in the organization.

So say ministers and so, in elegant terms, have said Britain's officials in formal statements to Unesco's executive board. But the British style of negotiation has been marked by such appeasement and accommodation that Britain's colleagues have concluded that its real aim was agreement at almost any price.

M'Bow stresses that 70 per cent of the 150 or so proposals now accepted by the board originated with Britain, leading the House of Commons foreign affairs committee to note the "remarkably alacrity" with which the board has responded to British demands and to describe the result as "a great success for HM Government". The same reforms are described by western diplomats as wholly peripheral.

On two test cases, British resolve has wavered. In May, Britain demanded discussion by the board of a report by the US Congress revealing misuse of funds, appalling waste and a recruitment policy wide open to patronage. When that was refused, British diplomats produced three proposals based on the report, which they said must, if necessary, be put to the vote and would weigh heavily on Britain's decision to stay or leave.

Yet last month Britain agreed to "consensus" wording which abandoned or fatally weakened all three proposals. A western diplomat concluded that the new British goal was "agreement at any price". Another characterized the performance as "brilliant – in its avoidance of embarrassment". This may well be a case of the government not being served by its representatives – either because they have been caught up in Unesco's world of fudged compromise or because they have deliberately sought agreement on whatever terms to make it harder for Britain to leave.

Other European governments have also been rebuffed. Eastern bloc and Third World governments have concluded that the West, whether from paternalism, incompetence or indifference, will continue to tolerate, as one disillusioned European diplomat put it, Unesco's existence as a Third World playpen.

Last weekend the executive board concluded an acrimonious pre-conference session, distinguished on the western side by compromise and lack of cohesion, and by insistence by most Third World governments that the reform process was at an end. In a further move, in which Britain acquiesced, they insisted that the conference should discuss measures to extract further funds from the US and to sack all American employees at Unesco, in defiance of established UN rules – a ploy calculated to ensure that the US does not return to Unesco.

The reform committee has been wound up, and even the West's lame hope that a body be established to oversee such reforms as have been agreed received short shrift.

British diplomats at Unesco, who pride themselves on the "great deal of arm-twisting and diplomacy" involved in reaching the shoddy eve-of-Sofia consensus, have persuaded the Commons foreign affairs committee of the magnitude of their achievements. Assessments outside Britain are less charitable, which may be why Britain has just circulated a memorandum to foreign capitals and Unesco delegations of "key UK objectives for Sofia". It restates ministers' requirements for better programmes, improved management and more accountability, and it announces a major offensive on Unesco's highly controversial human rights programme.

But it still argues in Unesco's own terms, with lists of activities to be downgraded or upgraded, as though Unesco's sickness can be remedied by cutting a seminar here, or modifying wording there. It is a rearguard battle of words.

M'Bow feels that he has won and can afford to ignore the West. As he said in mid-summer: "It matters little if some governments are dissatisfied with the way Unesco is evolving. They had better understand that the world has changed since 1945".

Rosemary Righter

David Watt

A man of too many parts

Neil Kinnock did himself a lot of good this week but at the cost of making the Labour Party look rather worse than before: that is the net result of all the drama and gunfire.

It is not necessarily a bad bargain. We live in an era of presidential image-politics in which Kinnock's ability to appear moderate and courageous is almost certainly more valuable in the electoral balance than the evidence of unreconstructed lunacy of some of his followers. The question of the next 12 months is how the divisions in the party thus put on display, and possibly even sharpened, can be papered over by the new Kinnock charisma.

On the postitive side Kinnock's opponents would be unwise to underestimate his achievement. One can legitimately argue with hindsight that he had virtually no choice. All the experience of postwar British politics says that the public does not like a divided party, but that it likes weak leadership even less. A strong assertion of leadership, however desperate, at least offers the voters some faint excuse for believing what they will always want to believe – that virtue will somehow be rewarded in the end.

The opposite strategy of simply letting Arthur Scargill's challenge go by default did not offer the remotest prospect of a happy ending and would only have added the final ruin of the leader's credibility to the existing ruin of that of his party. Kinnock chose a risky strategy, but any other would have been riskier still.

In addition, what has impressed the party professionals is the adroitness with which Kinnock diverted attention from the division over the miners, which he was bound to lose, to the slightly different division over Militant councillors, which he had virtual certainty of "winning" amid a gratifying amount of media hullaballoo.

In the national context, however, Kinnock has done something that most people know in their hearts ought to have been done some while ago and never was. If Harold Wilson had made such a speech denouncing the extreme left in, say, 1975, the Social Democrats might never have broken away. He didn't do it then and, being the sort of man he was, probably would not have done it today whatever the long-term consequences of silence.

Nevertheless, for all these triumphs, the fundamental problems remain, only partially related to the Militant tendency and the loony left.

It does not take many hours in the conference hall at Bournemouth to harden this instinct into certainty. It is patently obvious that if the party did not have Kinnock it would have precious little left to sell to the ordinary, uncommitted voting consumer. This does not mean that there are not some interesting and able personalities on show, or even that some of the party's policies are not as sensible as anyone else's.

What is striking to somebody like myself, however, away from this gathering for a couple of years, is that the party's traditional unifying themes, sinking for years under a weight of slowly increasing decrepitude, have suddenly slid into total senility. The Labour Party can finally be seen to be what it has been becoming for more than a decade – a coalition of disparate and mostly competing interests without any real community of thought to keep it together.

The most obvious casualty has been old-fashioned socialism itself. This has been a pretty vague concept in Labour Party circles since the late 1950s, but has now vanished into thin air. Apart from the far left and some of the over-65s hardly anyone seems still to believe that there is a class war going on in this country. It is true that a lot of speakers (including Kinnock himself) still pay lip service to this notion without actually endorsing it.

To these people the buzz-phrase "working people" simply denotes anyone earning less than £20,000 a year, or less than themselves (whichever is the larger).

But most of the delegates no longer bother with such rhetorical flourishes and simply accept that we are now a broadly classless society which happens to be in the hands of a government which favours richer and displays lamentable unconcern for poorer citizens. There were a few sideswipes at the multinationals but no great onslaught on "capital" or "profit" as such. Such is the revolution wrought by Thatcher in the most unlikely bosoms

Without even a rudimentary critique of the roots of human conduct and misconduct to provide a comfortable framework, nothing much is left except a vague sympathy for the "underdog" and a strong determination to place one's own groupuscule in this popular canine category. The conference has offered, far more than in the past, a field day for supporters of womens rights, gay rights, animal rights, black rights, Liverpool rights, Lambeth rights, miners rights; it seems to have become impossible for the party to discuss any general subject without coming up against these vested sub-interests.

The National Health Service debate, for example, was taken over by the health service unions bewailing their loss of jobs, the agricultural debate by the animal lovers and environmentalists. The important debate on rate-capping rapidly deteriorated into a punch-up between the Liverpool Militants and the public employees unions, who were not prepared to carry socialist solidarity to the point of losing their employment.

Most ominous of all, the general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union gave notice in the debate on the miners that the largest vested interest of all was not prepared to sacrifice unfettered wage competition to any Labour Party economic strategy.

If American-style coalitions within parties is now the name of the game, then it is one in which Kinnock ought to do well. The ability to communicate the unifying agents of optimism and plausible generality (his strong suits), ought to take some tricks in Labour Party terms. But I am still doubtful whether they will win the game among the wider public, for whom fragmentation is likely to be a sign of chaos rather than variety.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

No words, just a story

Sometimes you hear people saying that the face of comedy was changed for ever by Charlie Chaplin, or Spike Milligan or Monty Python. Then you switch on your television and know that nothing has really changed at all. I switched mine on a couple of months back and heard the following bit of dialogue.

Man: Bad news, I'm afraid. I've been sent to Coventry.

Woman: Ooh, that's nice – I like Coventry.

Man: No, no. I've been ostracized.

Woman: Oh dear. Does that mean you can't have children?

I switched the set off immediately and have hardly dared touch it since, for fear of blundering into the same terrible Stone-age comedy. Most sitcoms still seem to be written in that dead comic language which makes jokes about mother-in-laws sound quite avant-garde. Somebody once said that the golden silent comedies, depending entirely on movement and visual humour, reached a standard that we have never quite come up to since. That words, in fact, get in the way.

Ridiculous, of course, but I found myself recently switching on Channel 4 for a film by Buster Keaton, my all-time favourite, made 20 years ago by the National Film Board of Canada. It featured the ageing Keaton going across Canada by rail, on one of those tiny one-man trucks which I think are called rail-rodders. For 20 years I had been trying or see this film, the last important one that Keaton made, and now here I was.

It was dreadful. My heart sank as Keaton went through a series of disconnected gags edited together in no particular order. The famous hatchet face, now wrinkled like a forgotten handbag, had the familiar look of deep resignation, and for once you could see why. Comedy seldom works as a series of disconnected gags; the anarchic humour of the Goon Show would never have been effective without a strong story line to hold it together, and it is fatal for a comedian to show contempt for plot. Even the Marx Brothers didn't dare.

Keaton had a good story to illustrate this. In a scene near the end of *The Navigator* he is underwater in a diver's suit, looking for a snagged anchor or something of the kind. In the original version he found his way blocked by a never-ending stream of fish, so he picked up a starfish, stuck it on his chest to look like a traffic cop and stepped forward with his hand up. The fish immediately gave way. A good joke, thought Keaton. Unfortunately none of the preview audiences ever laughed at it, so he reluctantly dropped it, explaining the failure of the joke because the audience felt it got in the way of the story.

My heart rose again later when I found, also on Channel 4, a 15-minute comedy made in the 1960s by Pierre Etaix, the Frenchman who for a short while enjoyed a vogue as a new Buster Keaton. It simply showed him trying to write a letter to the girlfriend who had just jilted him and, in the process, wrecking his office and finally falling out of the window to his death. It was virtually silent, dialogue-free and very funny.

My heart rose further at the Edinburgh Festival when I was taken by Fringe Director Michael Dale to see the Trestle Theatre Company doing a play called *Plastered!* "All I know about it," he told me, "is that it's set in a pub and a hospital, the actors use no dialogue, they wear masks, and everyone says it's very good."

No dialogue? Masks? It sounded like a dumb version of a Greek tragedy. But when you come to think of it, this is exactly the technique Keaton used in his great days – no words and just a mask-like expression. And *Plastered!* turned out to be far the funniest thing I saw at Edinburgh this year, a veritable silent film comedy done in real life, parodying all the dreadful things that go on in pubs and hospitals. One moment, I don't know why, comes back to me. The pub landlord, fresh from settling a fracas in the other bar, comes into view. He picks up a cloth from the bar, wipes his forehead, puts it down. Then he picks it up again, gives both his armpits a good wipe, puts it down. Slowly he empties an ashtray and wipes it with the same cloth. Finally, with the self-same cloth, he starts to polish a clean pint glass. That said everything about our great English pub.

Where the Trestle Theatre Company are now, I don't know. If you get a chance, see them. Their silent film comedy technique makes TV comedy look very old-fashioned.

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THE GORBACHOV OFFER

The detailed Soviet offer for missile reduction announced *yesterday* in Paris by Mr Gorbachov has been expected in Washington for months. It finally crystallizes the principal differences on the theory of arms control which now divide East and West. The purpose of arms control is to achieve greater stability from which should grow a greater sense of security on *both sides*. The objective of arms control is thus not automatically achieved by *arms reductions* unless those reductions are so great that they create a changed strategic environment. The Gorbachov offer will not do that, whereas the prospect for introducing some element of strategic defence into the line-up of purely *offensive* weapons certainly would.

There is no need to go into the missile arithmetic with great *detail* for it to remain clear that at the end of the *proposed* programme of missile reductions the imbalance between American and Soviet armouries expressly designed to destroy each other's missiles would remain as marked as it is now. The Soviet Union has roughly 6,000 war*heads designed and targ*etted as a "counter-force" which is dispersed widely throughout the Soviet landmass. The United States have about 2,100 counter-force warheads. *Counter-force* weapons need greater accuracy in order to be targetted on the adversary's weapons systems and thus to cripple his capacity to retaliate after being the victim of an attack.

A reduction of weapons in this category would thus preserve the Soviet margin of superiority *without* any enhancement of stability between East and West. Certainly such a reduction would release resources for other uses in the economy and, given Mr Gorbachov's desperate need to resuscitate some of his economic disaster areas, it is not surprising that his offer points this way.

However as Washington expected, the immediate attractions of missile reductions are accompanied by the familiar Soviet demand that the United States should discontinue *research* into strategic defence. We do not yet in the West know whether the strategic defence research will be successful. But we do *know* that without any strategic defence we will continue to suffer from the nuclear instability caused by having no defences, only retaliatory forces. Mr Gorbachov is in a different position since he has 20 years of research into strategic defence behind him. Presumably he therefore *knows its potential* as well as its cost which is why he persists with his demand that the United States should stop work on it while he continues with his own.

With some element of strategic defence in the line-up of weapons the threat of either side suffering from a surprise attack by the other would be *much* diminished. For a start the attractions of offensive missiles would lessen the moment there was a doubt – even if only a *partial doubt* – as to their ability to get through. Secondly such doubts would soon affect the cost/benefit calculation applied to offensive weapons. Thirdly the psychological erosion of the people's sense of security, which has been declining for the past decade or so, would be mitigated by the knowledge that at least we had some defences against attack. Imagine the West's position, however, if the United States abandoned strategic defence research and left the field free to the Soviet Union to do what it liked. Our retaliatory forces would soon lose what credibility they now have.

Reaction to the Soviet offer at Geneva should thus be to give a *welcome to* any real sign of a proportionate reduction in each side's weapons inventory without allowing the Soviet superiority to become permanent. That *should* be coupled with a continuing and unambiguous determination to persist with strategic defence. We know that the Soviet ploy is to dangle apparently tempting offers to the Europeans so as to cause an Atlantic gap within the Alliance. *With the possible exception* of President Mitterrand, the Europeans should be too wise by now to be taken in.

THE TRADE UNION AUDIT

The old Adam lives on. After the euphoria and the oratory, there he was in Bournemouth this week, unrepentant. His face is the face of a trade union general secretary. His pretension is to substitute the judgement of an interest group for the common weal. This week Labour's National Executive gave over a duly-elected local authority to his ministrations. Liverpool City Council's Labour majority may be objectionable in their misrule, but unless and until they are removed from office by auditor, court or *ballot*, they exercise legitimate authority. They are now to turn over their books to the general secretaries. It is the old, failed Labour corporatism again.

Perhaps the visit to Liverpool next week by party officials and union barons should be seen as a conference ploy. Was it not the NEC's *spokesman* Mr David Blunkett, as leader of Sheffield City Council, who earlier this year in a hard fight between *councillors and the National and* Local Government Officers' Association learnt that civic administration can work only if the municipal unions serve not *dominate; Mr Blunkett* knows full well that studies of unit costs of emptying bins in his city and Liverpool point unequivocally to the extravagance of unbridled *municipal* unionism.

The ready acceptance of this inquisitorial visit to Liverpool by the *Militant* tendency smells. It has suited Mr Hatton and his colleagues to espouse strong municipal unions when their leaders and members are prepared to rush blindly into chaos. Yet in their Trotskyism, Mr Hatton and the followers of *Militant* ultimately have no place for free trade unions or the *bargains and compromises* by which they must live.

This trip by the general secretaries is an insult to a fine public servant, the *Liverpool* City Treasurer, who in a series of public documents has since spring this year set out the facts of the city's finances and the *options for councillors*. One fact is – Dr Cunningham admitted as much to the party conference on Wednesday – that there have long been methods of juggling *capital and revenue* accounts to tide Liverpool over till the end of the financial year. Mr Hatton is quite right: these accounting procedures are not costless; they would reduce Liverpool's capital building programme in 1986 and beyond. But they are procedures which a less ideologically-extreme administration would adopt. They are procedures which Mr Todd, Mr Basnett and the party officials have no choice *but to recommend*.

NEW MAN FOR COAL

There will be little surprise and little regret that Mr Ian MacGregor is to leave the chairmanship of the *National Coal Board* after the end of his three year term next August. (Only the President of the National Union of Mineworkers is still appointed *for life*.) This is not wholly a criticism of Mr MacGregor. His controversial appointment marked a conscious government decision to adopt a much higher *profile* for the overdue reform and rationalization of the coal industry. Mr MacGregor duly *obliged with* a more blunt and aggressive approach and that made a confrontation with Mr Arthur Scargill's NUM almost inevitable, even if it had not been *before*.

Even the Labour movement now agrees that the NUM's handling of the year-long dispute that has dominated Mr MacGregor's *stewardship* was inept. The performance of the NCB was scarcely more masterly, demonstrating that Mr MacGregor had neither the time, nor perhaps the *necessary* qualities, to have constructed a competent, cohesive and sympathetic top level team.

That task will be high among the priorities of his almost prematurely announced successor Sir Robert Haslam, a man of a different, quieter *more* presidential stamp who has *nonetheless* shown his ability to tackle difficult industrial situations rapidly and sensitively both at ICI and British Steel, where he has already had the experience *of* succeeding Mr MacGregor.

The bones of such a team could already be in place by the time Sir Robert formally takes over. The former *Treasury* mandarin Sir Kenneth Couzens, Mr *MacGregor's* choice for deputy chairman, should provide the firm hand needed for financial control and administration. And two executive directors from the team that *emerged* from the *strike* are likely to be chosen early next year. Mr Ken Moses, who earned his spurs in Derbyshire, is the most prominent candidate should Sir Robert be seeking a managing director.

The style of NCB management is therefore *likely* to change in directions that are helpful in looking forward rather than back to the strike. Sir Robert is a good communicator both within and to the wider world. He is used to leading and supporting a management team and his years at ICI have imbued a code of co*operative* rather than confrontational industrial relations. That paid off at British Steel during the coal strike. The all-out conflict between Mr Scargill *and* Mr MacGregor has made possible a more constructive approach to relationships with all the mining unions, old and new, as well as *making it vital*.

If the style is different, the substance of Sir Robert's task will be the same as that of his predecessor, made yet more difficult by the forecast deterioration in coal markets once coal stocks have been rebuilt and the bulk of the pit closure programme put through by 1987.

The new plan to reduce deep-mined coal output to no more than 90 million tons a year already represents a *further 10* per cent slimming and is likely to *require* the closure of more than 50 pits and the loss of perhaps 40,000 jobs. The board has set a new test of what is an economic pit, based on production costs *equivalent to an* average of £39 per ton. Recently leaked pit by pit figures for August suggest a frightening picture in which only a quarter met that target. But August figures are *not* representative and the leak very much part of the atmosphere of mutual distrust that needs to be dissipated if the coal industry is to be *reformed sensitively and achieve* its programme of high productivity and commercial success. The realities are uncomfortable enough with new profitable capacity necessitating greater cuts among old uneconomic pits than the bald figures might suggest.

Mr MacGregor has made a great deal of progress since the end of the strike in voluntary redundancies and putting pit closures through the *old review* procedure. The *latter*, while necessary because the economic timetable is so short, has caused further bad feeling. But closures should now be put through the new procedure agreed with the pit deputies union during the strike. *The rapid action* after the strike is a useful legacy upon which Sir Robert should be able to build a more ordered and respected, if necessarily unpopular system.

Given Mr MacGregor's fearsome reputation, it is perhaps *ironic that Sir Robert has made* far greater progress than his predecessor in returning parts of the steel industry to the private sector. That at present has far *too low a priority* at the *Energy* Department but has an important role to play in changing the culture of the coal industry. Disposal of the highly profitable *opencast mining* businesses should be pressed ahead, preferably before the breakeven target in 1987 for the whole business and certainly not long thereafter. *The opportunity of selling coal* mining areas to miner and management-based consortiums, opened by the weakening of the rigidly marxist doctrines of the NUM should also not be left on the shelf. Mr MacGregor made things happen; the opportunities created should not be missed.

Law centre costs

From Mr Gerry O'Keefe

Sir, One never likes to see anyone feeling the pinch, so when I read in a recent report in *your* newspaper that solicitors are going to boycott the new duty solicitor scheme for police stations because the *hourly* rates of £27 during the day and £36 at night are "derisory", I was naturally concerned.

Readers may be interested to know that in a few areas of *London* and outside such a scheme already exists, usually run by a local law centre. In Lambeth, for instance, the *three* law centres operate a 24-hour emergency service and the law centre worker on duty gets paid £17.40 for a nightly stint from 5.30pm to 9.30am.

Isn't it *just* a little ironic that, when law centres offer such palpably good value for money as against the inflated demands of *private practice*, they should be most under threat from this Government?

At a time when all public services, *including* the police are under scrutiny for their cost-effectiveness, is it not time that the Government implemented forthwith the recommendations of the many reports on the future of legal services favouring the implementation of a proper programme for the secure funding and expansion of law centres?

Yours faithfully,
G. O'KEEFE,
Stockwell & Clapham Law Centre,
337 Wandsworth Road, SW8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Right to retaliate if attacked

From Sir John Wilton

Sir, Mr Gorbachov, with a Russian hostage in Lebanon murdered and the possibility of others, will no doubt appreciate President Reagan's assurance that retaliation is in order in such circumstances (report, October 2). There, at least, is one subject on which the two leaders may be able to agree when they meet next month.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN WILTON,
Wilmere Lodge,
Middleton Park,
Middleton Stoney,
Oxfordshire.
October 3.

From Mr Ian Wallace

Sir, Are we to believe that the White House would consider a Nicaraguan attack on the headquarters of the CIA to be a legitimate act of self-defence? I do not think so.

Yours faithfully,
IAN WALLACE,
95 Swindon Road,
North Wroughton,
Swindon,
Wiltshire.

Middle East talks

From Mr Dennis Walters, MP for Westbury (Conservative)

Sir, Mr Norman and Mr Slesenger's letters of September 30 on the Middle East are wide of the mark and ignore the real issue. There can be no peace unless some measure of justice is accorded the Palestinians.

The best way to make progress is for direct negotiations to take place between the parties involved, preferably in the forum of an international conference. This is what King Hussein is trying to achieve and the Palestinians must participate if the talks are going to be relevant. The Venice Declaration recognised that the PLO should be associated with the negotiations and the agreement between King Hussein and Mr Arafat has made this easier.

The Prime Minister's decision on *the joint Jordanian Palestinian* delegation was therefore both opportune and wise. It is a step which will assist King Hussein and may ultimately help the peace process. If the Israeli Government is genuinely interested in a peace settlement it should welcome progress in that direction.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS WALTERS, Chairman,
Conservative Middle East Council,
House of Commons.
October 1.

Schools' role

From Mr R. G. Opie

Sir, You report today (September 25) that "Britain's top public schools are to become known as independent schools". In the same item you report also that these schools are in receipt this year of £22 million of taxpayers' money spent on assisted places. In other words, no longer "public" nor "independent" but increasingly "dependent"!

Yours faithfully,
R. G. OPIE,
New College,
Oxford.
September 25.

Wrong partner

From Mrs Sybille Bedford

Sir, Far be it from me to carp with Lord Gowrie in his role as your Guest Cook (August 28) as he makes so much laudable culinary good sense; my heart can only go out to a man who has had to submit so often to processed turkey and sugared hock at public functions.

There is, however, one matter on which conviction, not to say conscience, compels me to take issue. It is his choice of wine to go with a dish, Peking Grouse, he has discovered or invented.

After spreading our bit of grouse on toast with a fruit jelly with added herbs (Lord Gowrie recommends apple-and-thyme) and spring onion, he bids us drink it with "wine better than you can afford". His own preference appears to be Château Beychevelle. *A fine wine, a fine red* wine, with jam and an aggressive herb . . .?

I have had to decide on what to drink with Lord Gowrie's creation's legitimate elder brother and, determined to avoid the misery of a dinner without wine, would resort to a minor Chardonnay, a Gewürztraminer or a respectable rosé – or whatever on those lines were to be found on the Chinese establishment's list – while inwardly apologizing to the bottle in the bucket.

I am not asking Lord Gowrie to grovel to his claret; but may I induce him to make amends by *allowing* it the company next time of a grilled chop or a plain roast bird?

Yours etc,
SYBILLE BEDFORD,
At 23 Old Church Street, SW3.

Role of the State in question

From the Reverend Dr Kenneth Slack

Sir, I was somewhat startled by your assertion within your leader (October 2) "Exit a man of the left",

He – i.e., Mr Kinnock – admitted that Labour must relate to the traditions of the people of this country, yet their tradition includes a healthy suspicion of the State, dislike of bureaucracy and a strong interest in individual freedom.

The word "admitted" is itself ungenerous: "asserted" would have been more accurate. But, that apart, what is your evidence that the people of this country share your particular form of *démodé laissez-faire* individualism, or generally feel so personally materially secure as to want to return to a Gladstonian minimal concept of the role of the State?

The evidence that I have seen suggests that there is in fact not a little anxiety across much of the nation lest the role of the State as providing a structure of care and welfare should become dangerously diminished. It may even be that a large part of the people of this country cherish expectations of the State difficult to fulfil, e.g., in relation to the swift diminution of unemployment.

Moreover our distaste for bureaucracy and passion for individual freedom may be of no more moral worth than a dislike of traffic wardens and a desire to park where we please.

Wide debate is needed, of course, on the role of the State. Such debate is not helped by bland individualistic assertions predicating to our people emotions certainly not entertained in as crude a form as that which apparently nestles in the bosom of your leader writer.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH SLACK,
The Manse,
Allen Street,
Kensington, W8.
October 2.

From the Reverend Peter K. Townley

Sir, The militants not so much hated what they heard as heard what they hated.

For many the fire of faith in the leadership of the Labour Party has been rekindled.

Sincerely,
PETER TOWNLEY,
St Hugh's Vicarage,
Wildmoor Avenue,
Holts,
Oldham,
Greater Manchester.
October 1.

Liverpool's agony

From Professor A. D. Bradshaw, FRS

Sir, I hope that people realise what the bishops (feature, October 1) have really said about Liverpool. The present political warfare of the city council may be mad and is certainly ruining the orderly running of this great city. But who would like to have to run this city with its lowered rate-support grant and declining tax base?

The problems of the North are daunting, particularly when set against the immense and increasing affluence of the South. Even *if* Liverpool City Council is far too expert at scoring own goals will this Government *never* see that our city has a case?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BRADSHAW,
University of Liverpool,
Department of Botany,
PO Box 147, Liverpool.

Immigration effects

From the Reverend Giles Hunt

Sir, Reactions to Mr Powell's suggestion that those members of our ethnic communities who would like to return to their country of origin should be assisted with a free passage and resettlement grant are puzzling. They seem to assume that Mr Powell advocated compulsory repatriation; but he did not suggest this and it seems a little perverse to assume he must have meant it all the same.

Before everyone gets too worked up, would it not be sensible to conduct a poll among members of various ethnic communities in various places, asking simply: "Would you wish to return to your country of origin (or your parents' country of origin) *if all your* travelling expenses were paid?"

If the answer was a near-unanimous "No", then that would be that. But if a sizeable percentage said "Yes", the next step would be for the British Government to negotiate with the governments of the countries of origin about terms; there might need to be a quota system to avoid a flood of re-immigration; there should be some resettlement grant given by the British Government.

To think of any such scheme purely in terms of "trying to solve our immigrant problem" would be insulting to those involved, and also very stupid – admittedly it might alleviate the appalling and diverse problems of our inner cities, but it wouldn't "solve" them. But can we not also think of the human beings involved?

If I were an Asian or West Indian and thought someone was proposing *to force or bribe* me to leave Britain against my will I would indeed be angry. But I would be equally angry if, *having come here or* been born here because I or my parents expected to make a better life in Britain and now, finding myself jobless amid inner-city squalor, I longed to return to the country of my roots, could not afford to do so, and was prevented from accepting a free passage home and resettlement grant by others who thought I ought to want to stay here.

Just because such a scheme might be advantageous to those who remain here (with our housing and job shortages) it doesn't mean it would be disadvantageous to those who went.

Yours faithfully,
GILES HUNT,
St Catherine's Vicarage,
Preston Lane,
Faversham, Kent.

Labour investment plan

From Ms Jacqui Lait

Sir, Demands for the return of capital and *investments* from abroad ignore the vital point that we are a trading nation and trade is not *confined to manufactures*.

Capital investment abroad stimulates the economic activity in those countries, creating some consequential demand for UK goods and services, with the obvious benefits of employment and profits.

Constraining the movement of capital is another form of protectionism. Condemning UK investment to the UK would, ultimately, reduce consumer choice, give poorer value and produce shoddier goods.

Additionally a Government-dictated reduction in investment abroad could create a tit-for-tat situation with the withdrawal of portfolio investment as well as the potential closure of factories owned by non-UK companies, many based in Labour's political heartland. There is no need to elaborate on the results of that, but it is a constant source of wonder to me that the Labour Party can play so fast and loose with the best interests of their own supporters.

Have they not learned the basic lesson of the playground? If you take your ball away, the game does not stop – someone else will provide one.

Yours faithfully,
JACQUI LAIT,
605 Gilbert House,
Barbican, EC2.

Prosecution service

From Mr Stuart Turnock and others

Sir, We write on behalf of the *branches of the Association of First* Division Civil Servants at the departments of the Director of *Public Prosecutions and the Metro*politan Police Solicitors.

We have read, with interest, the article in your columns on September 27 concerning the proposed Crown prosecution service of which our members will form part. We support the idea of an independent Crown prosecution service and are committed to seeing it work successfully.

Despite the promises of the Government to establish a first-class service it is our belief that the current proposals are intended to create an organisation which fits into a preconceived cost package. *They are not designed to provide* the quality of service necessary to fulfil the aims of an independent prosecution service. One consequence of this will be a failure to attract staff of the necessary calibre.

The proposed terms and conditions of service and career structure are infinitely worse than elsewhere in the legal Civil Service. Indeed, they are worse than our members currently enjoy. This will inevitably mean the service will fail to recruit and retain lawyers of the required standard. The effects of the proposals are being felt in our departments, where there have recently been a spate of resignations.

It is regrettable that the advent of the service, instead of encouraging lawyers to join, has driven them out and will do so more and more unless something is done very rapidly.

The Government has always stressed the importance of law and order. But the current state of affairs leads to no confidence in that commitment.

Yours etc,
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P. MOBEDJI, Secretary,
Association of First Division Civil
Servants, Department of the
Director of Public Prosecutions,
RICHARD THORNE, Chairman,
GRAHAM GREEN, Secretary,
Association of First Division Civil
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Office,
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Mexican earthquake

From the Ambassador of Mexico

Sir, Your newspaper has reported extensively on the recent and *unfortunate events in Mexico City*. Your leader of September 24 was outstanding. May I express my thanks.

The Mexican capital has suffered a great tragedy the impact of which will remain with us for a long time. As fellow human beings British citizens have reacted with a magnificent display of solidarity.

Both in kind and in cash donations have flowed to help Mexico's bereaved: some of these contributions have come through the Mexican Embassy, others have gone directly from the donors to Mexico, and still others have been collected by the British Embassy in Mexico. To all this the very opportune and generous assistance from the British Government should be added.

Help coming from Great Britain has been varied: large and small items, considerable donations and many from those who have anonymously deposited their heartfelt contributions to the embassy's emergency account. To all whose generosity has been moved by their *ideal of transatlantic brotherhood I* should like to express, on behalf of my Government, my profound gratitude, with the assurance that the eight tons of clothing, plus the £200,000 sterling sent through the embassy will *materialize* as *living* witnesses of the ties that unite our countries.

Most unfortunately some British citizens were among the victims of the earthquake. It is particularly sad to acknowledge the loss of two young women who, with their brand new scholarships, had just arrived to Mexico City. We all grieve such untimely deaths.

Yours very sincerely,

FRANCISCO CUEVAS CANCINO,
Embassy of Mexico,
8 Halkin Street, SW1.
October 1.

The reference in the penultimate sentence of Mr Anthony Lester's letter yesterday should have been to the British Constitution, not the British Human Rights Constitution.

ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 4 1935

Italian operations against Ethiopia began on October 3. On May 5, 1936, Marshal Badoglio entered Addis Ababa. The emperor Haile Selassie (1892-1975) appeared in person before the League of Nations to plead his cause. It was not supported: the League revoked the economic sanctions which it had imposed on Italy. On May 5, 1945, Haile Selassie resumed his reign; he was deposed in 1974. Our Special Correspondent was G. L. Steer (1909-44).

WAR DRUMS IN ABYSSINIA

CALL TO ARMS

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FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ADDIS ABABA, OCT. 3

An unconfirmed report states that Adowa, which was bombarded this morning, has been taken.

A telegram from Ras Seyyum states that 15 bombs were dropped early this morning on Adowa, with loss of life and property, and that the bombardment continues at Adigrat, where 100 houses have been destroyed. It adds that sounds of artillery in Agame can be heard, and that a full battle is engaged there. . . .

Before 11 this morning the great courtyard of the Old Gibbi was full of armed men. Five thousand soldiers of the town squatted in their white *shammas* with rifles held across both shoulders before the war drum of the Empire, which was carried by four servants, while a fifth followed bearing a club with which to strike it. The drum, which is a half-globe, was rested on its rounded base on the steps below the Throne Chamber. Two powerful Ethiopians slowly raised on each side two silk national flags on long eucalyptus poles. . . .

PEOPLE'S EXCITEMENT

The squatting soldiery, under their grey-haired chiefs, were ordered to rise, *and moved slowly forward with their* arms extended. Ligaba Tossow, a fine, ferocious figure, stood on a chair, the *mobilization decree in* his hand. The drummer cried, "Listen, listen, open your ears. The symbol of our liberty wishes words to be said to you. Long may he live, and the enemy within our gates may God destroy." Thereupon Ligaba read the decree. . . .

The decree added that every man after victory would have land in Eritrea and Somaliland, and that anyone who ravaged the country or thieved for provisions would be summarily dealt with.

The whole people then rushed forward to the steps, madly shouting, waving their rifles and crushing some of the photographers who had clustered at the bottom to capture the scene. The general cry was "Till now we have had doubts of our Emperor, but now we know the truth. Not a man will stay here after five days; we will all join our brothers in the fire."

"FIGHT FOR FREEDOM"

In the ante-room to the Throne hall was then read a telegram received from Ras Seyyum announcing the bombardment of Adowa and Adigrat and a battle in the province of Agame (where Italy has long prepared the ground by alleging a 30-year-old error in demarcation).

The news spread through the mob like ripples in water, and all, their voices strained with shouting and faces contorted with violence and rage, ran to the north tower of the Emperor's lodging, where he stood in perfect calm and dignity, with the Duke of Harrar and his Ministers round him, while on the balcony below was the vast figure of the War Minister. Tearing their knives out, the mob shouted, "Death to the Italians; finish it once and for all. We thank you for your decree; God give you long life." The Emperor, gently commanding silence with his hand, replied, leaning on the balcony:– "I am *happy to see you before me with knives*, swords, and rifles, but it is not I alone who know, but the great world without, *that Ethiopian warriors will die for* their freedom. He continued:–

Soldiers, I give you this advice, so that we gain the *victory over the enemy*. Be cunning, be savage, face the enemy one by one, two by two, five by five in the fields and mountains. Do not take white cloths, do not mass as now; hide, strike suddenly, fight the nomad war, steal, snipe, and murder singly. To-day the war has begun, therefore scatter and advance to victory. . . .

Goodwill gesture

From Dr Philippa M. Ludlam

Sir, It was very heartening to read the article in *The Times* of September 26 indicating that the DHSS was sympathetically considering inviting Yuri Sobol, the baby requiring heart surgery, to come to Britain as a guest of the health service. What more delightful way could there be of demonstrating our wish to resume friendly and constructive relations with Soviet people?

Let us sincerely hope that the Government will agree to enable Yuri to come to Britan and also that *this will indicate its willingness* to resume co-operation in medicine and public health on the terms of the agreement signed ten years ago. We cannot estimate what effect this small gesture might have on UK-Soviet relations, but it obviously could do nothing but good.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIPPA M. LUDLAM,
82 Thirlestane Road,
Edinburgh.
September 27.

Full circle

From Mr J. H. Benoy

Sir, So the Agriculture Commission is to subsidise disposing of some of *the butter mountain to the cattle it* came from (report, September 28).

As Wordsworth almost said, "Beachcomber, thou shouldst be living at this hour!"

Yours faithfully,
HUMPHREY BENOY,
Lee Ford,
Brendon,
Lynton,
Devon.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 3: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning at Buckingham Palace received Senhora Graca Simbine Machel (Minister of Education and Culture, Mozambique).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, visited the Sunshine Playgroup, Lewisham, the Pepys Playgroup, Pepys Estate, Lewisham and the Rainbow Playgroup, Astley Estate, Southwark.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Olympic Association, this afternoon presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Association at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs was in attendance.

This evening Her Royal Highness attended the Barrack House Groups' Charity Concert, given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, in aid of the Save the Children Fund, at the Royal Festival Hall and afterwards attended a Reception at the London Hilton Hotel.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke, was received by the Chairman, Barrack House Group (Mr D. Horgan).

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 3: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning at Kensington Palace received the Lord Warden of the Stannaries (the Lord Franks).

His Royal Highness later attended a Board Meeting of the Commonwealth Development Corporation at 33 Hill Street, W1.

The Prince of Wales, President, Youth Business Initiative, this afternoon attended a ceremony at National Westminster Tower, 25 Old Broad Street, EC2 to mark the award of the 1,000th Bursary to young people to start their own businesses.

Mr David Roycroft was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Birthright, today attended a luncheon at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Sussex Place, Regent's Park NW1.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 3: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today presented the Horses and Ponies Protection Association /North Light's first Annual Award for outstanding achievement in the field of Equine Welfare, at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace.

Lady Aird and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 3: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today opened a new building for Plessey Electronics Systems Limited, Romsey, Hampshire.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Charles Blount.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 3: Princess Alexandra was present this evening at the preview of the Inaugural Exhibition of the Society for Wildlife Art for the Nation ("SWAN") at the Guildhall Art Gallery, London EC2.

Lady Angela Whiteley was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, president, the Prince's Trust, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, president, Dr Barnardo's, will attend the premiere of the film *Santa Claus – The Movie*, in aid of the trusts at the Odeon, Leicester Square, on November 25.

The Duke of Edinburgh, honorary fellow, will present the Plastics and Rubber Institute's Prince Philip Award at Buckingham Palace on November 26.

The Duchess of Gloucester has become Patron in Chief of the Brixton Neighbourhood Community Association.

Princess Alexandra will attend a gala concert of Viennese operetta, in aid of Dr Barnardo's, at Sadler's Wells on November 3.

Marriages

Mr H. N. L. Keswick
and Tessa Lady Reay
The marriage took place on Thursday, October 3, in London, between Mr Henry Keswick and Tessa Lady Reay.

Mr G. D. Robbins
and Miss A. J. Russell
The marriage took place on Friday, September 20, in Berkshire, between Mr David Robbins, son of Mr and Mrs George Robbins, of Shipley, West Yorkshire, and Miss Amanda Russell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Russell, of Corscombe, Dorset.

Lieutenant-Colonel M. A. Taffinder, RM
and Mrs S. J. Bailey
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 28, 1985, in Cirencester, of Lieutenant-Colonel M. A. Taffinder, and Mrs S. J. Bailey.

Birthdays today

Sir Peter Blaker, MP, 63; Sir Neville Bowman-Shaw, 55; Sir Terence Conran, 54; Air Chief Marshal Sir kenneth Cross, 74; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Peter Dixon, 78; Mr Basil D'Oliveira, 54; Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Drew, 78; Dr Dudley Hart, 76; Mr Charlton Heston, 61; Sir John Hogg, 73; Sir Michael Hordern, 74; Mr Frank Keating, 48; Sir Hector Monro, MP, 63; Lord Roborough, 82; the Right Rev Dr R. D. Say, 71; Mr Justice Sheldon, 72; Mr F. R. H. Swann, 81; Sir Rowland Wright, 70.

Ball

Corps-Students' Association
Scoto-Germania
The Corps-Students' Association Scoto-Germania in London is marking the tenth anniversary of its foundation with a ball to be held tomorrow at Rolandseck, near Bonn. This will be preceded by a kneip for members and their guests this evening at the corps house of Hansea in Bonn.

Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master: Mr J. B. F. Mathews; Upper Warden: Mr M. L. J. Marshall; Renter Warden: Mr D. W. Fuller.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Councillor Peter Bowness, leader of Croydon Borough Council, to be a member of the London Residuary Body, which will help to wind up the affairs of the Greater London Council.

£250,000 gift

Mr Jack Hayward, a British businessman, who lives in the Bahamas, has given £250,000 to Operation Raleigh to help British servicemen to take part in the round-the-world expedition during the next three years.

In the *TLS*
on October 4

Bernard Williams:
Great Britain versus the new Argentina — which cares more about individual rights?

Reviews by
Raymond Carr, Adam Mars-Jones, George Steiner, Tzvetan Todorov

New books from France, Germany, Italy and Spain

The TLS/Cheltenham Prize:
the winning poems

The Times Literary Supplement
Every week of the year. 70p.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. L. Willetts
and Miss S. H. A. Butterfield
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr & Mrs J. R. Willetts, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, and Sarah, daughter of Professor Sir John and Lady Butterfield, of Downing College, Cambridge.

Mr A. J. Bancroft
and Miss S. R. Lyell
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Albert Bancroft, of Colerne, Wiltshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lyell, of Aston Rowant, Oxfordshire.

Mr P. F. Byrne
and Miss D. C. Adler
The engagement is announced between Paul, second son of Professor and Mrs Martin J. Byrne, of Dublin, Ireland, and Deborah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Adler, of Cowbridge, South Wales.

Mr K. A. Carruthers
and Miss C. E. Graham-Bryce
The engagement is announced of Keith Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. K. Carruthers, of The Old Vicarage, Littlebourne, Kent, and Catherine Elisabeth, second daughter of Dr and Mrs I. J. Graham-Bryce, of Great East, East Malling, Kent.

Mr R. A. Crisp
and Miss C. L. Hill
The engagement is announced from South Africa between Roy Anthony, second son of Mr and Mrs S. Crisp, of Nottingham, and Caroline Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. A. W. Hill, of Eridge, East Sussex.

Mr J. N. G. Fisher
and Miss K. E. Appleyard
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of the late Mr J. C. B. Fisher, CMG, and Mrs J. C. B. Fisher, of Middle House, Sherborne, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Appleyard, of Eastbury House, Sherborne.

Captain A. R. Gregory, RA
and Miss S. A. Sheard
The engagement is announced between Andrew Richard, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R. B. Gregory, of Sedbergh, Cumbria, and Sally Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M. Sheard, of Walton, Wakefield.

Mr T. J. S. Harris
and Miss K. L. Thornton
The engagement is announced between Timothy James, son of Mr and Mrs John Harris, of Oakley, West Wittering, Sussex, and Katherine Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Thornton, of Aiburgh House, Harleston, Norfolk.

Mr D. King
and Miss V. K. Nagrath
The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Jess and Dorothy King, of Canterbury, and Veena, only daughter of Romesh and Frances Nagrath, of Thanington, Canterbury.

Mr J. P. B. Martin
and Miss C. J. G. Whitaker
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Martin, of Worplesdon, Surrey, and Charlotte, only daughter of the late Mr Peter Whitaker and of Mrs Ursula Whitaker, of Thornage, Norfolk.

Mr D. E. Mattey
and Miss V. Moore
The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs B. E. W. Mattey, of Hardham, Pulborough, and Virginia, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. B. Moore, of Nutbourne, Pulborough.

Mr T. W. B. Miller
and Miss S. Gregory
The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Mr and Mrs D. J. D. Miller, of Bristol, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. W. Gregory, of Totland, Isle of Wight.

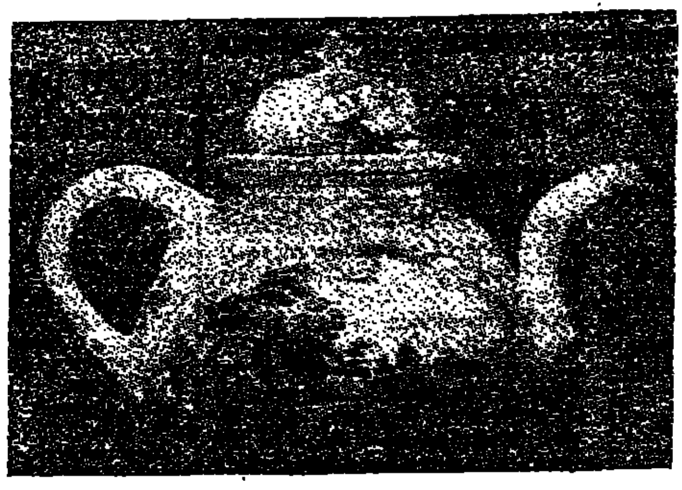
Mr D. F. D. Russell
and Miss L. C. M. Bonner
The engagement is announced between Dominic Russell, The Light Infantry, youngest son of Captain and Mrs David Russell, of Dorchester, Dorset, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Bonner, of Widdington Hall, Saffron Walden, Essex.

Mr D. N. Simpson
and Miss C. Williams
The engagement is announced between Neil, only son of Mr and Mrs A. F. Simpson, of Penwortham, Lancashire, and Carole, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. A. Williams, of Deanshanger, South Northamptonshire.

Sale room

£20,000 for Meissen teapot

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent



A Somerset farmer had sent an outstanding group of Meissen porcelain for sale at Lawrence's of Crewkerne yesterday.

A teapot of around 1725 (right) painted with attractive rural landscapes within a border of gilt and lustre scrolls secured £20,900 (estimate £10,000-£15,000) and was bought by a Munich dealer who had come especially for the sale. He carried off all but one of the pieces.

A hot water jug and cover dating from about 1725 and decorated in gold with Chinoiserie figures cost him £6,820, and a teapot with similar cisele gold decoration made £6,050.

Collectors devotion to documentary pieces, items marked with a name or date, was underlined by a Lowestoft inkwell painted in colours with simple sprays of flowers which made £2,870. It is severely cracked but the base bears the precious inscription "Elizth. Buckle 1775". The porcelain sale totalled £137,500 with about 10 per cent unsold.

At Phillips a group of seventeenth century English needlework pictures collection ran to prices well beyond the auctioneer's expectations. Five ladies portraying the senses set against a dense background of flowers, animals and insects made £3,740 (estimate £800-£1,000).

A pair of early eighteenth century yellow silk shoes with blue silk embroidery, included in the same sale, sold for £1,045 (estimate £300-£500) to the Bata Shoe Museum in Canada. The sale of textiles and costume made £71,055

Phillips also had for sale the library of books about chess formed by the late Richard John Ford, a distinguished player. The top price £2,750 (estimate £850) was paid for the oldest book in the collection, *The pleasant and wittie Playe of the Cheasts renewed . . .* by Damiano which was published in London in 1562. The lifetime's collection, containing more than 2,000 volumes, made £35,287 with 14 per cent unsold.

Memorial services

The Dowager Viscountess Falmouth
A memorial service for the Dowager Viscountess Falmouth was held at St Stephen's, Rochester, Row, yesterday. The Right Rev Anthony Tremlett officiated. The Rev Derek Watson and Canon Mark Meynell, nephew, read the lessons. The Rev Richard Chartres lead the prayers. Among those present were:

Viscount and Viscountess Falmouth, the Hon Edward and Mrs Boscawen and the Hon Robert Boscawen, MP, and Mrs Boscawen (sons and daughters-in-law), Lieutenant-Commander and the Hon Mrs David Verney (son-in-law and daughter), the Hon Evelyn and Mrs Boscawen the Hon Charles and Mrs Boscawen, the Hon Vere Boscawen, Miss Sarah Boscawen, Miss Jessica Boscawen, Major and Mrs Hugh Boscawen, Mr and Mrs David Keller, Miss Karenza Boscawen, Mr and Mrs Christopher Verney, Mr and Mrs Peter Bickford-Smith and Mrs J Kenna (grandchildren), Mr Richard Meynell, Mrs Mark Meynell, Miss Dorothy Meynell, Mrs Hugh Meynell, Major and Mrs John Whitcombe, Mrs C Gosling, Mr and Mrs R L Clother.

The Countess of Limerick (vice-chairman, British Red Cross Society), Irene Lady Grenfell, Lord St Levan, the Hon Mrs James Dawnay, the Hon Mrs J Chetwynd, Sir Henry and Lady Warner, Sir Peter and Lady Anne Thorne, Dame Marion Kettlewell.

Dame Anne Bryans, Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason, Lady Linstead, Mrs C E Browne, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Mr A M Grier, Mr Gerald Williams, Mrs R Ellis (president, Cornwall branch of the Red Cross) with Major R L Brendon-Cook (director); Mrs A Dunford (Girl Guides Association), Miss A M Bickersteth (Guide International Service), Princess de Croy, Mrs Elsa Gruntman, Mrs Doris Jarvis, Mr Philip Barker (British Refugee Council) and Mr O Cadsky.

Lady Green
A memorial service for Lady Green was held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev Basil Watson officiated. Mr Peter Miller, Chairman of Lloyd's, and Sir Peter Green, husband, Chairman of Janson Green, read the lessons. Among those present were:

Sir Derek and Lady Ryan (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs M B Green (mother-in-law), Mr and the Hon Mrs John Green (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Miss Jenny Ryan, Mr M Ryan, Mr Terry Ryan.

Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, Viscount Chelmsford, Lord Denman, Lady Quinton, Lord Grimston of Westbury, Lady Bruce-Gardyne, Lord and Lady Fanshawe of Richmond, the Hon Angus Ogilvy, the Hon Mrs A Jessel, the Hon Anthony and Mrs Samuel, the hon Mrs James Tennant, the Hon Peter and Mrs Strutt, the Hon Mrs Charles Cecil, the Hon Sally Bruce-Gardyne.

Sir Richard Baker Wilbraham (Schroders Investment Management), Sir Simon Benton Jones, Lady Mountain, Doris Lady Mountain, Sir Christopher Royden, Sir Joshua Rowley, Sir Havelock and Lady Cathleen Hudson, Sir Owen Aisher, Lady (Barrie) Heath, Mr Charles Janson and the Countess of Sutherland, Mr C M Mosselmans (chairman, Sedgwick Group) and the Hon Mrs Mosselmans, Major-General P A Downward; Mr Peter Valentine and Mr William Maitland (Janson Green); The Headmaster of Harrow School and Mrs Beer, Mr and Mrs J Janson, Mr and Mrs H Janson, Mr Spencer Herapath.

Mr David Edwards (Royal Ocean Racing Club), Mr and Mrs I H F Findlay, Mrs Elspeth Huxley, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Wyatt, Mr B C Villiers, Mr John Minter, Dr and Mrs R Barber, Mrs James Adeane, Major P B Snowden, Mr and Mrs J P Watson, Mr and Mrs Simon Birch, Mr and Mrs Donald Green, Mr and Mrs James Greer, Mr Watcyn Lewis, Mr John Gordon, Mrs Peter Hambro, Mr Tony Hambro, Mr and Mrs David Curling, Miss R Curling and Mr and Mrs Selby Lowndes.

Church news

Appointments
Canon L A Cragg, Vicar of St Cuthbert's, Lytham, diocese of Blackburn, to be also Rural Dean of The Fylde, same diocese.

The Rev P Baxandall, Representative of Leprosy Mission, East Anglia, to be Priest-in-charge of St Wendreda, March, diocese of Ely.

The Rev N C Beattie, Team Vicar of Emmanuel, Northampton, diocese of Peterborough, to be also the Bishop of Peterborough's Industrial Chaplain for Northampton.

The Rev F Bowyer, Rector of St Mary, Gosforth, diocese of Carlisle, to be Rector of Emmanuel, Holcombe, diocese of Manchester.

The Rev N Bradbury, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Tottenham, diocese of London, to be Director of Pastoral Theology at Salisbury and Wells Theological College.

The Rev J P Butler, Warden of the Bishop Mascall Centre, diocese of Hereford, to be also Vice-Principal of the Gloucester School for Ministry, diocese of Gloucester.

The Rev M H Clark, Vicar of St Michael, East Wickham, diocese of Southwark, to be Vicar of St Anne, Wandsworth, same diocese.

The Rev I C Cooper, Priest-in-charge of Bradley Green, Redditch, diocese of Worcester, to be Team Vicar of Hemel Hempstead, St Mary, diocese of St Albans.

Rev C K H Davison, Vicar of Stapleford and Priest-in-charge of Whittlesford, diocese of Ely, to be also Rural Dean of Shelford, same diocese.

The Rev K Dixon, Curate of Goldington, diocese of St Albans, to be Vicar, same parish, same diocese.

The Rev A Durrans, Team Rector of Langley and Parkfields, diocese of Manchester, to be Rector of St Cuthbert, Miles Platting, and Priest-in-charge of The Apostles, Manchester, same diocese.

The Rev D J Erridge, Rector of St Andrew, Blackley, diocese of Manchester, to be also Area Dean of North Manchester, same diocese.

The Rev I J Fox, Vicar of St Peter's, Bury, diocese of Manchester, to be Rector, Northallerton: and also (from mid-December) Rural Dean of Northallerton for an initial period of two years, diocese of York.

The Rev J Funnell, non-stipendiary minister in the Hackney Team Ministry, diocese of London, to be full-time stipendiary Team Vicar, same parish.

The Rev J B Gaskell, Vicar of St Alban the Martyr, Brooke Street, with St Peter, Saffron Hill, and Area Dean of South Camden, diocese of London, also to the Prebendal Stall of Harleston in St Paul's Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev A G Harbidge, Vicar of St Andrew, Bennett Road, Bournemouth, diocese of Winchester, to be Vicar of Chandler's Ford, same diocese.

The Rev A R Hazelhurst, Assistant Curate of St John and St Stephen, New Clee, diocese of Lincoln, to be Team Vicar of St Andrew, Over Hulton in the Deane Team Ministry, diocese of Manchester.

The Rev A Ladipo, permission to officiate, diocese of London, to be Vicar of St Stephen, Canonbury Road, same diocese.

The Rev C D Mack, Rector of St James, Christleton, diocese of Chester, to be also an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev P J Mason, Vicar of Writtle with Highwood, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Rector of Shenfield, same diocese.

The Rev S Pix, Vicar of Osmotherley with East Harlsey and Ingleby Arncliffe, diocese of York, to be also Acting Rural Dean of Northallerton. He is already Chapter Clerk.

Canon A R M Seaman, Manchester Diocesan Director of Education, to be Rector of St Werburgh, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, same diocese.

The Rev K Smalldon, Priest-in-charge of St James, Woolfold, and Diocesan Youth and Community Officer, diocese of Manchester, to be full-time Manchester Diocesan Youth and Community Officer.

The Rev P H Smith, Curate of St Luke, Eccleston, diocese of Liverpool, to be Vicar of Leyton, St Paul, diocese of Chelmsford.

The Rev A J Tombling, Vicar of St Saviour, Battersea Park and Priest-in-charge of St George with St Andrew, Battersea, diocese of Southwark, to be also Rural Dean of Battersea, same diocese.

The Rev R Usher, Priest-in-charge of St Francis, Newall Green, diocese of Manchester, to be Team Vicar designate of Atherton Team Ministry, same diocese.

Luncheons

Butchers' Company
The Master of the Butchers' Company, Mr David Lawrence Franks, presided at a court luncheon held at Butchers' Hall yesterday. The toast to the guests was proposed by Mr Michael Silver and Mr Patrick Elmer, Chairman of the London Meat Futures Exchange, also spoke.

Blacksmiths' Company
The Blacksmiths' Company held a court luncheon yesterday at Innholders' Hall when the Prime Warden was in the chair. The Renter Warden and the Third Warden also attended. Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Williamson, the Master Cutler and the Master-elect of the Basketmakers' Company were among the guests.

Variety Club of Great Britain
A luncheon was given by the Variety Club of Great Britain at the Dorchester hotel yesterday in honour of Mr Paul Daniels. Among those present were:
Mr Michael Crawford, Mr Barry Cryer, Mr Val Doonican, Mr Neil Durden-Smith, Mr David Frost, Mr Bob Holness, Mr Davy Kaye, Miss Bonnie Langford, Mr Alan Minter, Mr Monty Modlyn, Mr Nicholas Parsons and Miss Angela Rippon.

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
The Lord Mayor Sir Alan Traill, Mr Alderman and Sheriff Christopher Collett, and aldermen and Officers of the Corporation of London were guests of Mr Alderman Brian Jenkins, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and members of the council at a luncheon on Wednesday, October 2nd, at Chartered Accountants' Hall.

Dinners

Royal College of Organists
The biennial dinner of the Royal College of Organists took place yesterday evening at Middle Temple Hall. The president, Mr John Birch, was in the chair and the guest of honour was Mrs Ursula Vaughan Williams. Other guests included the Treasurer of the Middle Temple and Mrs Mills, the Treasurer of the Inner Temple and Lady Stabb, the Master of the Temple and Mrs Robinson and Mr and Mrs David Calcutt. A presentation was made to Dr William Cole to mark his 20 years as honorary treasurer of the college.

Institute of Medical Ethics
The Hon David Layton was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the Reform Club last night to mark the publication of the *Institute of Medical Ethics Bulletin*. Among those present were:
The Hon Mrs Layton, the Earl and Countess of Limerick, the Rev Professor G R Dunstan, Professor and Mrs R B Welbourn, Dr Duncan and Dr Mary Catterall, Sir John and Lady Donne, Professor and Mrs T Oppe, Mr R E Arnold, Dr K M Boyd, Father Brendan Callaghan, SJ, Miss Joan Charles, Dr Raanan Gillon, Mr D R Coddard, Mrs Peggy Meredith, Dr R H Nicholson (editor) and Prebendary Edward Shotter.

Horners' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies were present at the annual dinner of the Horners' Company held at the Mansion House last night. The Master, Mr Michael G. Spofforth presided, assisted by Mr Sidney R. Badley, Upper Warden, Mr Deputy Robert L. Turner, Renter Warden and Mr E. Rupert Nicholson, Deputy Master, and other members of the court. The principal guest was Major-General Sir Philip Ward, High Sheriff of West Sussex.

Priory Hospital
A dinner was held last night at The Priory Hospital, Roehampton, London. The guest of honour was Dr William Sargant, Honorary Consultant in Psychological Medicine, St Thomas's Hospital. The dinner followed the William Sargant Lectures at The Priory, attended by Psychiatrists and general practitioners.

University news

Mr John Creaser who has been appointed Hildred Carlile professor of English at the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, London University. He was formerly Vice-Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford, and is best known for his work on Milton.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid):

Briggs, Mrs Julia Gladys, of Haringey, London £281,491

Brown, Mr Frederick James Henry, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent...£263,640

Dorling, Mr Ronald Stanley, of Coulsdon, Surrey £255,117

Douglass, Mr George Philip, of Westcott, Surrey £300,781

Lejeune, Mrs Joyce Mary, of Bexhill, East Sussex £251,225

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, was host at a reception given last night by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House to mark the posting of the 1,000th volunteer of the British Executive Service Overseas.

Lady Mayoress of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, last night gave a reception at City Hall for home beat police officers, nurses, long-serving home helps and junior housing officers.

Science report

The giant panda really is a bear, tests show

By Dorothy Bonn

A child of six will tell you without hesitation that the giant panda is a black and white bear, but zoologists are not so sure.

Though superficially bear-like, the giant panda has a number of puzzling anatomical features that cast doubt on its relationship to the bear family, ursidae; and until recently, structural features were the only criteria available for determining the relationship and evolutionary origins of animals.

Compared with bears, the giant panda has very large forequarters and reduced hind-quarters, which give it an ambling gait; the male genitalia are unlike those of bears; the jaw is very different; and the panda has six "fingers" on each paw, one of which forms a grasping thumb.

Moreover, the giant panda does not behave like a bear; it does not hibernate, and it bleats rather than roars. And any self-respecting meat-eating bear would turn up its nose at the giant panda's diet of bamboo.

The confused issue of where the giant panda fits into the mammalian evolutionary tree is complicated further by the existence of the red-haired lesser panda, which looks much more like a racoon than a bear.

Now scientists at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D C, and the National Cancer Institute in Maryland have used four different genetic and molecular techniques to find out the true relationships of the giant panda. Their studies have produced incontrovertible evidence that the giant panda is indeed related to bears and is not at all close to the lesser panda.

The method used by Dr Stephen O'Brien and his colleagues was DNA hybridization. It places the giant panda in the modern bear lineage and indicates that both racoons and the ancestors of the lesser panda separated from bears early in the evolution of carnivores.

Electrophoretic studies of more than 50 proteins gave a similar result.

The results of chromosome studies somewhat unexpectedly fell into line with the other findings. The giant panda has 42 chromosomes, each with two arms of more or less equal length, whereas bears have 74 chromosomes, mostly with one long and one very short arm.

At first sight, this would seem to rule out a close link between the giant panda and bears, but when the chromosomes were stained with a special technique to reveal their banding patterns it became clear that the chromosomes of the giant panda were composed largely of bear chromosomes fused together.

Finally, the ingenious "molecular clock" hypothesis was applied to a comparison of two serum proteins, albumin and transferrin, in the giant panda, lesser panda, bears and racoons.

The hypothesis states that mutations, being random events, should accumulate at a steady rate and that the degree of difference in a protein between two species, the so-called "immunological distance", should therefore indicate how closely they are related. On this test the giant panda is close to bears and a considerable distance from lesser panda and racoons.

Those results tie up very neatly to show where the giant panda's roots lie. Bears and racoons had a common ancestor, but the two lines split about 50 to 70 million years ago, and the results of the latest studies suggest that ancestors of the lesser panda also separated from the bears at about the same time.

The giant panda represents a fairly recent off-shoot, about 10 to 20 million years old. This example of convergent evolution, in which two animals, the giant panda and lesser panda, have developed similar anatomical features because they have adapted to a similar way of life, shows just how unreliable morphology can be as an indicator of evolutionary relationship.

Source: *Nature* 1985, vol 317, Sept 12.

OBITUARY

HERBERT BAYER

Typography at the Bauhaus

Herbert Bayer, who died on September 30 at his home near Santa Barbara, California, aged 85, was one of the last major survivors from the pre-1933 heyday of the Bauhaus, and one of its most influential teachers, particularly in typography and graphic design.

He was the designer of two experimental alphabets for the technological age, the "universal" in 1925, and the "basic" between 1958 and 1960.

Bayer was born in Haag, in Austria, in 1900, and from the first could never decide which of his many artistic talents he should concentrate on. He studied architecture in Linz, but he also had ambitions as a painter, and went to the Bauhaus in Weimar, shortly after its foundation in 1919, to study painting under Kandinsky.

Since it was the policy at the Bauhaus that students should develop as many practical skills as possible, he was ideally suited there; and soon found himself working principally, though never exclusively, in those areas of graphic design where the talents of the architect and the painter came most effectively together, particularly in the creation of posters and book and magazine layouts.

When the Bauhaus moved to Dessau in 1925 Bayer went with it and became one of the first teachers in the new foundation, heading the typography courses until 1928.

At that point he left, wanting more independence and freedom to paint and follow his own interests. He set up his own advertising agency in Berlin, and there was responsible for many of the more innovative pieces of graphic and exhibition design in the last years of the Weimar Republic, as well as continuing his regular activity as a painter.

In 1929 he had his first one-man show, in Paris, and there came into closer personal contact with the leading French surrealists. As a result, his design work took a more surrealistic turn, and he began to make photo montages as artworks as well as using the technique in the elaboration of many posters, bookjackets and suchlike.

The coming to power of the Nazis did not immediately make much difference to his career in commercial art, and he stayed on in Berlin with his agency until 1937, when the *Degenerate Art* exhibition put a definite term to the hopes of the less political avant gardists that the Nazi government might be reconciled to at least some aspects of the Modern Movement.

In 1938 Bayer emigrated to New York, where he had little difficulty in establishing himself as a graphic designer along much the same lines that he had pioneered in Germany. He also showed extensively as a painter, in both surrealist and constructivist contexts, and practised occasionally as an architect.

In later years he also took up sculpture, in the form of quasi-architectural constructions, and returned more and more to his early and constant love, painting.

As an abstract painter he had exhibitions all over the world, and in 1982 was accorded a major retrospective of his pre-war design work at the Bauhaus Archive in Berlin.

It is arguable that, despite his lifelong devotion, he was never a really first rate painter, but as a graphic artist, typographer and man of ideas, he left his mark indelibly on several generations of taste and design.

MISS TATIANA PROSKOURIAKOFF

Tatiana Proskouriakoff, whose study of Maya hieroglyphic writing opened up the ancient history of the Mayas, died in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on August 30.

She was born in 1909 in Tomsk, Siberia. When Russia entered the First World War, her father, an engineer, was sent with his family on a government mission to the United States. After the Revolution they chose to stay, and settled in Philadelphia.

Miss Proskouriakoff was trained as an architect, but in the Depression building was at a standstill, so she volunteered to work as an archaeological illustrator at the museum of the University of Pennsylvania.

There her work was so highly regarded that in 1936 she was sent to join the university's excavations at Peidras Negras, Guatemala. After a second season there, she was engaged by Sylvanus Morley to work for the Carnegie Institution of Washington at their excavations, first at Copan, Honduras, then at Chichén Itzá, Yucatan.

A reconstruction drawing done by Miss Proskouriakoff, showing the Piedras Negras acropolis as it might have looked in its heyday, led to her being encouraged to do others. The result was *An album of Maya architecture*, published in 1946.

By then she was already deeply interested in both the art and the hieroglyphic writing of the Maya, and had been promoted to membership of the archaeological staff of the Institution. As such, her first substantial achievement was a stylistic analysis of Maya monumental sculpture, which is still regarded as a classic.

The Carnegie institution closed its archaelologial department in 1958, but agreed to support Miss Proskouriakoff's work indefinitely. Given a position at the Peabody Museum of Harvard University without assigned duties, she was able to turn her full attention to hieroglyphic writing.

At that time, Maya epigraphic studies were stagnant: dates had been legible for sixty years, but the significance of those dates was still quite unknown. Miss Proskouriakoff chose to focus on the abundant inscriptions at Piedras Negras, and soon succeeded in interpreting them as records of the principal events in the lives of rulers.

Her short and modest presentation of this work was immediately accepted as valid, and stimulated a great revival of interest in Maya epigraphy.

Miss Proskouriakoff can be credited with having pushed the beginnings of Maya history back a thousand years. For this and other works of imaginative and meticulous scholarship she was honoured with the fifth A. V. Kidder Medal, the highest award in American archaeology, an honorary doctorate from Tulane University, and the Order of the Quetzal from Guatemala.

MRS JOAN LAKEMAN

Joan Lakeman, who died on September 29 at the age of 79, leapt as Miss Fry from obscurity to a modest fame during a distinguished period in the history of women's tennis.

Her Wimbledon debut in 1925, was astonishing. She had been omitted from her county team but, aged 19, reached the Wimbledon final, in which she was beaten by Suzanne Lenglen – the last appearance of the great French champion.

Miss Fry was again unseeded when beaten by Helen Wills in 1927 semi final. In 1929 she was runner up for the mixed doubles with J. G. Collins.

In the United States championships Miss Fry reached the 1925 singles quarter-finals and, with Betty Nuthall, the 1927 doubles final. In the French championships she advanced to the 1926 singles semi finals (again she was beaten by Miss Lenglen) and on three occasions contested women's doubles semi finals.

From 1925 to 1930 Miss Fry made four appearances for Britain in the annual Wightman Cup match with the United States, at a time when her singles opponents included such renowned players as Miss Wills, Molla Mallory and Helen Jacobs.

Her only singles win was against Mary K. Browne in 1926. But Miss Fry and Ermyntrude Harvey won their doubles to help Britain to a 4-3 triumph in 1930.

Lady Caradon, wife of Lord Caradon, PC, GCMG, KCVO, OBE, died in London on October 2. She was the former Florence Sylvia Tod, and married in 1936.

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Leicester Square Theatre

After essays in casting himself in anti-glamorous roles (*Bronco Billy, Sudden Impact, Honkytonk Man*), Clint Eastwood returns to the character and country that made him, and that he knows best. Pale Rider is a Western that adheres faithfully to dramaturgical tradition, and restores Eastwood to the heroic, tight-lipped mould of his spaghetti Westerns. It is a timely return: the Western (cf. *Silverado*) is evidently due for a major revival, to fulful its role in the Hollywood renaissance of romance.

The story is always the same; only the faces and the scenery change. Here is the little community of honest, peaceable pioneers, bullied and exploited by a land-grabbing entrepreneur, with the local lawmen in his pocket and a private army of gunmen to maintain his reign of terror. Enter the mysterious stranger, silent and strong, righter of wrongs, zealous avenger, who will rally the fainting spirits to throw off the yoke of tyranny.

Shot in breathtaking Idaho locations, the setting here is a gold-mining community: and there is a touch of ecological conscience in making the villain a corporation man whose mechanized systems of mining ravage the beauty of the countryside. There is, indeed, a touch of this and a touch of that. Eastwood admits to a conscious injection of biblical references, not just in the apocalyptic title and his own persona whose clerical garb earns him the soubriquet of "Preacher". George Stevens's *Shane* leaves its mark, particularly in the relationship of Eastwood and the young daughter of the propector family whom he takes under his wing. The sombre, long-coated villains look like Henry Fonda's mob in *Once Upon a Time in the West*; and Eastwood's tributes to his own Western past include selecting for the final shoot-out an opponent (John Russell) who is practically the double of fox-faced Lee Van Cleef.

The influences come from the past; the metaphor seems very much for the moment. The image of the invader-saviour is clearly a comforting vision of the American world role, and the message that emerges from the rallying of the community to self-defence is less that there is strength in unity than that there is peril in non-conformism.

Beyond the Walls has a humanist and pacifist message of more general application. Credited to a triumvirate of directors, Uri Barbash, Arnon Zadock and Muhamad Bakri, and a triumvirate of writers, Uri and Benny Barbash and Avan Price, the film proved highly controversial when it first appeared on home ground in Israel – not surprisingly, given its internationalist viewpoint and its portrayal of personal alliances between Jews and Arabs.

Righter of wrongs, zealous avenger: Clint Eastwood in *Pale Rider*

It is set in the maximum security wing of an Israeli gaol, where Jewish criminals are kept side by side with Arab political prisoners. Their deathly hatreds are cunningly aggravated and exploited by the prison authorities, since disunion among the inmates can only be good for discipline. Most perilously caught in the crossfire is an idealist Arab whose attempts at negotiations between the two political sides have landed him in prison, branded as a spy in both camps.

The quality of the film is that it is neither a conventional gaol drama nor a political tract, but first and foremost a perceptive study of character and relationships under stress. The inmates of the warring cells are all sketched boldly but without stereotyping. Central to the drama is the conflict of the Arab idealist and the Jews' tough and violent natural leader. It is when their hostility turns to mutual respect that the warring factions begin to recognize the way they are manipulated by the authorities, and to realize the strength that friendship and unity can give them.

The Arab and the Jew are played by the co-directors, Bakri and Zadock, both personalities of charisma. The film-makers are distinctly less successful with the villains: in particular the Machiavellian warden (Hilel Ne'eman) seems, beside the well-marked individuality of the other characters, an oddly conventional figure.

The Outcasts, written and directed by Robin Wynne-Simmons, merits a cheer as a feature from the budding Irish film industry, taking its theme and characters from indigenous folklore. In its way this, too, can be seen as a parable about intolerance, cruelty and mutual fear. The story is set in early nineteenth-century Ireland, just before the famine. Maura (Mary Ryan) is a shy and awkward girl, the despised misfit of the village. On the night of her sister's wedding she meets a mysterious (perhaps ghostly?) fiddler, a village outcast of some former time. After this meeting Maura, from being despised, becomes feared and hated as a witch. Fleeing from the murderous villagers, she joins up again with the fiddler, becoming a perpetual outcast.

The settings are dramatically beautiful; the period design is convincing; and the performances of Mary Ryan and the film's single name star, Cyril Cusack, as the local sage, are compelling when they are not beaten down by the excessive volume of Stephen Cooney's folk-musical score. At moments there is a sense of real magic too, like the startling scene in which a rutting peasant is changed into a billy-goat, to the understandable consternation of his doxy. Even tales of magic need a sense of direction though, and at times this story seems blown hither and yon by the wind over the bog.

Tobe Hooper made his name with low-budget horror pictures (most notably *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*), but is a good deal less lively with a megabuck budget at his command, as in Lifeforce, based on Colin Wilson's novel *The Space Vampires*. The original title is a better description of the goings-on: a space mission comes across a trio of good-looking nudes, which, despatched to earth, display a vampiric need to suck the life-blood out of any handy humans, whom they leave as disgusting husks, like large dried fruits with pop-open doll eyes. The rules of the game are vague; but it seems that the victims crumble to dust unless they in turn suck the lifeforce out of someone else. It all proves very catching; and climaxes with a plague-ridden London infested with a mixture of disintegrating corpses and marauding vampires (an Aids parable this time, perhaps?).

The dialogue, considering its distinguished origin and practised writers (Dan O'Bannon and Don Jakoby), is wretched; and Frank Finlay, Peter Firth and Steve Railsbeck are hardly to be blamed if they appear not to be taking it very seriously. Mathilda May, required only to stalk through the film, statuesque and naked as she was born, has a better time of it.

David Robinson

Television

Melodramatically mysterious

The Curious Case of Victor Grayson (BBC2) might have been taken from the pages of one of the more fashionable detective novelists and ought, in the interests of melodrama, to have been given the title which was used in one of the contemporary newspaper accounts – "The Politician Who Walked Into Nowhere". Here were all the proper ingredients at least: sexual scandal, political intrigue, an enigmatic central character and – almost more important than anything else – a flat off Piccadilly.

It was from here, in September 1920, that Victor Grayson, former MP, former radical and former practically everything, was escorted by two unidentified men and never seen again. Although many people were intrigued by his disappearance, very few lamented it, since Mr Grayson was a difficult man to love. He began his political career as one of those well-dressed revolutionaries whose malicious bravura is such that it becomes difficult to disentangle the self-publicist from the ideologue. If he was homosexual, as last night's programme suggested, he was one who combined the role both of dandy and of radical: English politics, and for some reason especially left-wing politics, is often animated by such men.

But such men also lead dangerous lives, both privately and publicly, and it is not at all clear which aspect of Grayson's own life eventually overtook him. He was in Parliament only for three years; he wrote a political commentary under the pen-name of Ethel; he was declared bankrupt; he drank too much; and he became involved in a number of dubious transactions apparently under the aegis of Lloyd George. Now certain homosexual love-letters have been uncovered in the unlikely setting of the Museum of Labour History. The fact that he became a familiar figure in right-wing circles suggests that his revolutionary socialism was dropped when it no longer suited his purposes, but the programme did not otherwise illuminate his character.

And that is the problem with "mysteries" such as this: *The Curious Case of Victor Grayson* was filled with information which may or may not be relevant, but without any proper understanding of Grayson's personality it remained at the level of historical gossip. The reconstruction of Grayson's disappearance did have a nicely melodramatic air (Michael Carter gave a good performance as the vanishing politician), but it was too vague to be altogether convincing.

Peter Ackroyd

Theatre

Pantomime speed and invention

Reynard the Fox
Young Vic Studio

In its originality of choice as well as performance skills, this Edinburgh fringe transfer by the recently formed Available Space company is a good advertisement for a group specializing in literary adaptation.

Reynard is Masefield's most famous narrative poem, but that is not saying much; and I imagine that a good many of Wednesday's spectators sat through the show like me expecting the fox to come to a sticky end. Masefield evidently saw Reynard as something more than a fox. The programme quotes his comment of 1919 that "something primitive, wild, beautiful and strange had been pursued through most of Europe with the threat of death". The poem does not define it so much as show it in action; and perhaps the act of story-telling was itself a means of hunting down an elusive quarry. It is certainly moving to see Masefield springing to the defence of the primitive within the limits of a correctly buttoned-up Georgian style which obliges him to tip his hat to the squire, the parson and other respectable citizens who take off in bloodthirsty pursuit of his chosen hero.

Masefield has placed a clue for any adapter in his choice of metres: conversational rhyming iambics for the opening section of the meet, changing to high-speed bouncy anapaests for the hunt. To this contrast, John Tordoff has added a costume element. The company of four arrive in Edwardian underwear and set the village scene while climbing into their hunting kit. By the time they have completed their amiable character sketches of the local doctor, the squire's family and a pair of forward girls in bicycling suits, they themselves are transformed from vulnerably exposed figures into a uniformed pack, ready for the kill.

After a blackout, they are joined by their prey: a boy stripped to the waist, and seemingly naked among the bulky riding-habits and top hats. From that moment, the show moves inside the mind of the hunted animal, who sees his pursuers as equally terrifying whether mounted on horseback or baying hounds with lolling tongues.

You might suppose that dramatized narrative would run into trouble by requiring simultaneous description and performance of the same actions. Mr Tordoff's company escape by the speed and inventiveness of their pantomime: instantly forming themselves into a wall in front of the blocked earth, or an elaborate christening group, compete with wailing child, as the fox speeds through a churchyard. There is also a potent contrast between the gentlemanly restraint of Masefield's language and the sight of the sweating, wild-eyed Russell Keith Grant, with just enough breath to speak the lines.

Irving Wardle

God's Second in Command
Royal Court Upstairs

The generation of West Indians who came to this country in the 1950s in order to secure a better future for their children must surely be wondering where they went wrong. Piety, the work ethic, respect for the family – all has been swept away by forces beyond their control.

The 23-year-old playwright Jacqueline Rudet offers a portrait of a family riven not by teenage rebellion but by the incompatibility of the parents themselves. After 20 years of unhappy and at times incendiary cohabitation, Wallace and Esme are living apart, he with their son Leo, she with their daughters Roma and Jocelyn.

Holding down steady jobs, the sisters have come to terms with their situation and are tolerant of their mother's flash boyfriend, though assuring her that she is still attractive enough to do better for herself. This easy-going harmony is not matched by the atmosphere of the other household, where Wallace, testy and bitter, takes his frustration out on his unemployed son, berating him for his unmanliness and fecklessness and delivering lectures on the economic verities while drinking Red Stripe and watching television.

Leo, the object of his wrath, feels drawn to a career in pop music. When he finally secures a recording deal, it is only to discover that the string attached leads him into his new patron's bed – and then to discover that he enjoys the experience.

Throughout his identity crisis, he receives odd phone-calls from a girl who claims to have psychic powers, who advises him on his course of action and who eventually reveals herself as his unsuspected half-sister. This is a gross dramatic mistake, since the play gains nothing in the way of surprise and loses quite a bit of the credibility which has been (rather laboriously) established. Miss Rudet has plenty of everyday material to hand but has yet to learn how to shape it for the purposes of tension and pace.

Susan Harper-Browne, as the coolly confident Roma, delivers the most assured performance, while Gary Beadle's Tony is impressively nasty. Richard Wilson's production gives us 17 scenes, each of about five minutes' duration and each followed by up to a minute of half-lit furniture shifting.

Martin Cropper

Concerts

Schiff/Vignoles
Queen Elizabeth Hall

The only disappointing aspect of this recital was that too few turned up to hear it. Perhaps a severe-looking first half – unaccompanied Bach followed by the Sonata for Cello and Piano by Alfred Schnittke – frightened faint hearts away.

If so, they were foolish. The Schnittke work, written by the Soviet composer in 1978, proved to be a concise and enjoyable, if rather dark-spirited, piece, cast much in the Shostakovich mould with two intensely expressive largos framing a frenetic moto perpetuo movement, which the cellist Heinrich Schiff and his accompanist Roger Vignoles delivered with stunning ferocity.

Schnittke is not usually this sombre; he often uses spoonfuls of blatent tonality and tongue-in-cheek pastiches to sugar his more avant-garde techniques. Here, however, he seems to have striven for unity and seriousness. Although there is still the pull of stylistic polarities, notably in the way that the piano's predominant fanfare idea (again much like Shostakovich in its major/minor indecision) contrasts with the cello's weird high-register screams, the work does speak with one voice, and speaks persuasively too.

Those faint hearts also missed a delightfully skittish account of Bach's Suite No 3 in C, the most cheerful of the six. That at least was the impression Schiff gave as he skittled through the opening movements with a delicate touch that belied his pugilist-like build.

The Courante could have been a shade steadier, and Schiff might have indulged himself a little more in rubato, but in the Sarbande the cellist dug deep into those gutsy double-stoppings as though searching for the source of his Stradivarius's noblest tone. He certainly found it.

Schiff can turn on the power where it is needed. In the fugal finale of Brahms's E Minor Sonata, Op 38, for instance, the ubiquitous triplets lost none of their hurtling momentum through being articulated so clearly. He can also be a flamboyant and disarming showman, as a prodigiously virtuosic account of Martinu's Variations on a theme of Rossini demonstrated.

Richard Morrison

Ameling/Jansen
Wigmore Hall

Her giggly narration of the punning tale of Wolf's "Elfenlied" was such a hit with her audience that Elly Ameling need hardly have bothered to sing the song at all. This encore to the first of two Wolf-dominated recitals epitomized, as an encore so often does, what was both good and bad about the evening.

Personality and presentation are far more than half the story of an Ameling recital, and this is hardly going to change now. But the girlish grace and demurely poised demeanour, which so perfectly incarnates Wolf at his most coy, invariably has an expressively flattening effect on much of the French repertoire: in live recital, that is.

On disc, to an invisible audience and with a sharper focus, the rarified beauty of, say, Fauré's "Le Secret" or "Clair de lune", both of which we heard on Wednesday, have all the subtly changing shape and colour which her live performances sometimes miss.

It is a question, perhaps, of tone of voice. It simply changes too little, from the immediate rapture of "Au Bord de l'eau" to the more evocative timbres of "Dans un Parfum". And, although the last high nightingale call of "En Sourdine" was exquesitely imagined, "Notre Amour", with its consistently high and hectic register, is now simply a mistake.

The odd moments of vocal strain apart, it is almost as if Ameling needs the goading of a more psychologically structured artefact to concentrate her responses. The second half, devoted entirely to a group of Wolf's Mörike songs, was an altogether richer experience. With Rudolf Jansen's searching piano accompaniment, "In der Frühe" created a most compelling transformation from fear to tranquillity, as the voice and fingers shadowed Wolf's own responses to Mörike's strange, short poem.

The full range of Ameling's vocal energies was released in the "Lied von Winde", as varied in intensity and movement as the wind-blown verse form of each stanza. And, nicely planned, the long, Straussian vistas of "An eine Aölsharfe" were contracted by Ameling's delightfully taut, springing vivacity and wit in "Begegnung's" stormy encounter.

Hilary Finch

David Owen Norris
St John's

The main attraction of this Park Lane Group recital was undoubtedly the London première of Liszt's suite of transcriptions from Schubert's *Winterreise*, about 150 years after they were written. Altogether Liszt takes 12 of the original 24 songs and re-orders and even conflates them, as well as fascinatingly adjusting the key-scheme.

Sometimes the treatment is restrained, bringing out the common ground between both composers: "Wasserfluth" reminded us that their sense of the singing phrase can be very similar. But mostly Liszt cannot resist getting the bit between his teeth and rampaging away into something emotionally irrelevant but pianistically impressive; "Gute Nacht" is turned into a roaring thunderstorm, while the last verse of "Der Lindenbaum" (of all things) is soused in accompanying trills in the right hand and raging chromatic scales in the bass. All great fun.

David Owen Norris is definitely an original, and not just because of an eccentric line in programme-note writing and a curious biography. He has clearly thought a great deal about the creative forces at work in this kind of music, and he built up Liszt's huge edifices of supercharged piano sonority with relish.

The rest of his wide-ranging recital contained some memorable moments. Norris drew some arguably idiomatic but exceptionally beautiful tone from the Bösendorfer piano in the Adagio of J. C. Bach's Sonata in E, Op 5 No 5, and bowled along happily in the delicious *Caprice italien* in Poulenc's Suite *Napoli*. The Australian composer Nigel Butterley's *Lawrence Hargrave flying alone* made much of a texturally spare but strongly directional idiom, contrasting widely-spaced part-writing and penetrating chords most effectively.

Malcolm Hayes

● Jonathan Miller's new production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* opens at the Coliseum on December 4, conducted by Mark Elder. William Shimell sings the title role; the cast includes Richard Van Allan (Leporello), Josephine Barstow (Donna Anna) and Felicity Lott (Donna Elvira).

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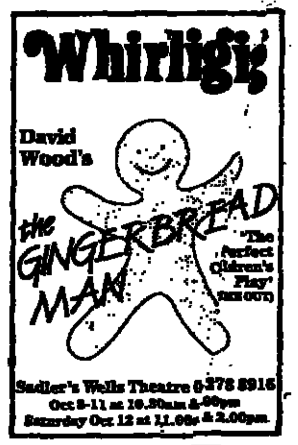

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Wall Street remains on neutral ground

Wall Street is still thrashing about in the aftermath of the agreement by the Group of Five leading industrial nations to devalue the dollar. The investment community is stunned by the change of emphasis in official policy. Damon Runyon's character The Sky, got his name from the way he betted. James Baker, US Treasury Secretary and the man commonly credited with orchestrating the G5 deal, might have stepped staight out of *Guys and Dolls*.

The analysts, as you might expect, are regrouping and adjusting their forecasts. The fact that bonds are unsettled on the back of gyrating Federal funds rate, huge selling orders for US long bonds, and confined squabbling over the debt ceiling, obscures new vistas coming into focus.

Richard Coghlan, formerly at the Bank of England and now editor of the *Financial Economist*, is adamant that the changed status of the dollar is the key factor for US corporations. Japanese and German companies became efficient during the seventies in the wake of the OPEC oil crisis, but were faced with lack of domestic demand.

The hugh increment to demand which the US Federal Government deficit created, added to an over-valued dollar created just the opportunity which the Germans and the Japanese had been seeking. They have done well out of the US deficits, and so too have their stockmarkets.

Despite the depredations of home markets at the hands of overseas raiders, US companies have been patching up their act. The devaluation of the dollar ought to give them a breathing space. On this argument, Wall Street ought to be a buy.

A paradox is at work here, founded on the greater leeway which US manufacturing companies will enjoy as the dollar eases. It was right to buy demand oriented sectors, like stores, when supply side polices reigned and the US consumer was king. The waning of this economic regime is a signpost for investors toward manufacturing and perhaps cyclical stocks.

This suggests that Wall Street will sell on a lower p/e in the next cycle than the present 12 times earnings, since investors will be less certain about the quality of US manufacturers' earnings. It also raises a question mark over interest rates. As the dollar falls, and demand for US paper dries up, will the Federal Reserve Board find itself forced to raise interest rates?

Ben Wray, head of investment strategy at Henderson Administration thinks not. He considers that a corner-stone of the G5 agreement was perhaps a commitment by the Fed not to raise interest rates. This commitment may well have been the price of any deal between Mr Baker and Paul Volcker chairman of the Fed. Both are united in their concern about the level of the dollar and the state of the US manufacturing sector.

The fact that traders have failed to latch onto this fact may account for Wall Street's stalling after the G5 news leaked out. Wall Street is now in neutral ground, taking little for granted. But it is not expensive. The downside risk in prices looks fairly small.

Mere devaluation will not of course resolve the US policy-makers' dilemma. The real point at issue is the Federal deficit. Mr Wray sees three options open. There can be concerted action on spending, or a more rational approach to taxation. The third option looks even more exciting. An arms control deal with the Soviet Union which would act as a natural brake on US Federal expenditure, and hence improve US market sentiment. Mr Gorbachev may hold the key to a resurgent Wall Street. Is he fully invested?

Taxpayers' shadowy burden

Roy Hattersley, deputy leader and Shadow Chancellor, has made no secret of the Labour Party's commitment to higher taxes, or, as yesterday, his hostility to the City. For personal taxation, the benchmark is £20,000 a year; anyone earning above that figure would be required to pay more income tax as well as suffer the loss, in whole or in part, of any frills, perks or privileges that at present may lighten their lives.

A Labour government intends to spend more and it would be less than honest for Mr Hattersley, or any on his Parliamentary colleagues, if they pretended that higher taxes, and more government borrowing, were not necessary to pay the bills. Even if Labour did not need the extra revenue, it would probably raise taxes, because it now regards them too low for our own good.

The electorate will decide in due course whether it wishes to return to a high-spending, high-taxing regime but in the calm before the election storm, it is will worth asking whether we are already taxed more than a Conservative Government, let alone the Labour Party, is prepared to admit. The answer, the late Professor Alan Prest suggests in his last essay published in *(The Royal Bank of Scotland review) is "Yes"*.

Professor Prest's concern is with "implicit taxes," which are like ordinary taxes in that they are compulsory but unlike them in that the money does not actually flow from private purse to public coffer. Examples of implicit taxes are the higher than international market prices consumers must pay as a result of tariffs and import controls which allow domestic producers to charge more for their goods. The European Community's Common Agricultural Policy and the power of the state-owned British Leyland to prevent the personal import of (cheaper) cars from Belgium are obvious examples of implicit taxation.

As Professor Prest pertinently points out ignoring implicit taxation may easily invalidate comparisons of tax burdens for the same country at different times and for different countries at the same time.

There are formidable problems in quantifying implicit taxation. The simplest to estimate, and the most familiar example of implicit taxation, is taxation by inflation. The Bank of England suggested a figure of £12 billion for 1981 – an extra 10 per cent on top of the Government's "explicit" tax revenue.

More difficult to explore quantitively is an area like farm prices. One informed estimate puts the figure of implicit taxes paid by UK consumers in 1983 at £4 billion.

Implicit taxation is, and is likely to remain, an important part of the economic landscape but it is difficult to see the picture as a whole.

In Professor Prest's view, the answer would seem to be an official supplementary budget statement listing all the known major items of implicit taxation and not confine to those which are relatively easy to estimate.

He is not optimistic that any government would fall over itself to take up this idea.

"Financial ministries are never shy about demonstrating how much revenue is lost or how much implicit expenditure is due to tax concessions. They are likely to be far less keen on demonstrating the extensiveness of implicit taxation in an economy, in case greater knowledge and fuller understanding could lead to more taxpayer resistance."

Lloyd's suspends 199 names on former PCW syndicates

By Alison Eadie

Lloyd's insurance market has earmarked a record £56 million from its central fund and suspended an unprecedented 199 names from underwriting as a result of losses of £130 million incurred by names on former PCW syndicates. PCW problems caused £54.6 million of the shortfall to the fund.

The fund, a policy holders' protection fund, stood at £167.2 million at the end of last year and, before the earmarking, was running at close to £200 million. Mr Ian Davison, chief executive of Lloyd's, said: "The fund is serving its purpose and I see no reason for concern at all."

The suspension came despite 193 submissions from 179 names pleading not to be suspended. Names on troubled syndicates had until September 30 to show they had the assets to meet their underwriting liabilities or face suspension.

A total of 45 names said they could meet the solvency test, but were unwiling to do so because of the absence of detailed accounting information. A further 64 made joint representations through their solicitors and 38 simply said they were unwilling to meet solvency.

Those 27 names with contentiously worded stop-loss policies have been granted a one month extension of the solvency deadline. The new agency handling PCW affairs – AUA3 – will be writing to stop-loss policy holders soon inducating that an asset will be made available to them to meet solvency.

Lloyd's chairman, Mr Peter Miller has said that the policies will be honoured. The policies were worded in such a way that they were useless for the purposes of containing losses.

The administrative suspension committee at Lloyd's, whose chairman is Sir Kenneth Berrill, said it had great sympathy for the names, but that it had to abide by Lloyd's rules and act in a way that was fair to those names who had complied with the solvency test.

A steering committee representing PCW names said it deplored the suspensions and could not understand how they could be made on the basis of heavily qualified accounts and in the light of continuing Lloyd's investigations into the PCW affair.

The last set of accounts of the Richard Beckett agency, which managed the PCW syndicates until recently, were qualified by auditors Arthur Andersen. The steering committee and its financial advisers, Price Waterhouse, dispute most of the figures, because of the history of misappropriation and mismanagement by former PCW executives.

The solvency test is, however, a side issue for many PCW names, with the real issue being the impending lawsuit. Within the next few weeks the names' legal advisers expect to issue a writ citing the PCW agency, its owner Minet Holdings and several other parties for breach of fiduciary duty.

Lloyd's itself is also expected to be a defendant because of its alleged failure to regulate the market properly.

The PCW affair errupted in 1982 when it was alleged that former executives of the agency had misappropriated £40 million.

Sir Derrick Holden-Brown: Angry at bid delay

Imps bid for Allied unlikely

By Patience Wheatcroft

It now seems unlikely that Imperial Group will join the Elders IXL consortium bid for Allied-Lyons. The company had expressed an interest in Allied's food business, but is now believed to have decided against committing itself to buying the £800 million enterprise after the planned Elders takeover.

Elders' managing director, Mr John Elliott is now in London trying to finalize details of his consortium. He spent yesterday in a series of meetings with potential partners and advisors.

Now it seems that he is talking to other companies that might be interested in buying Allied's food business instead of Imperial. Finding a purchaser is essential to Elders' ambitious plans for a £2 billion takeover of Allied.

Allied is now pressing the Takeover Panel to demand that Elders should clarify the date by which it will launch its bid. Allied's chairman, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, is furious that last week's satellite broadcast by Mr Elliott appeared to push back the deadline. He and his advisers, SG Warburg, have complained to the Panel that this increases the uncertainty surrounding Allied's future.

When he first announced that he wanted to bid for Allied, Mr Elliott said that he would issue a clarfying statement within six weeks. That expires on October 17, but last Friday he said that he hoped he would be able to make an offer for Allied by October 21 or 22.

In the Stock Market, speculation continued about the true value of Allied Lyons after suggestions that the average pub is worth about £50,000.

Allied has 7,000 pubs, but values them at an average of £100,000.

Opec calls for talks with non-members

From David Young, Vienna

Opec has decided that it should hold talks on world oil output and prices with non-member countries such as Britain and Norway. Its decision comes in the wake of forecasts of a continued slow demand for oil throughout the world.

Dr Subroto, the Opec president, said yesterday in Vienna that Opec had yet to work out how the talks should be conducted.

One possibility is that Opec should discuss oil production matters with countries such as Britain through an organization such as the Paris-based International Energy Agency.

Dr Subroto said: "Low prices are detrimental to all producers and to the world's banks and financial institutions. It is only logical that co-operation is warranted. The time for co-operation and dialogue is now, *otherwise it will come too late.*"

However, Opec is still wrestling with its own internal dispute over how its 16 million barrels a day output should be split among the 13 members.

Ministers said yesterday that in the summer quarter of this year demand was 14.4 million barrels a day and is now at 14.5 million barrels a day with Opec's estimate that it will not rise above 16 million barrels a day this winter.

This is in contrast to previous expectations that demand could rise to more than 17.1 million barrels a day and compares with the 31 million barrels a day which Opec produced during the winter of 1974.

Six of Opec's members – Iran, Iraq, Gabon, Equador, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates – have now formally asked for their daily output quotas to be allowed to rise and Opec said last night that it is looking at ways of how this can be accommodated within its present 16 million barrels a day ceiling.

Dr Subroto said: "If we do not think that demand this winter will be more than 16 million barrels a day how else can we allow countries to increase their quotas?"

The hard bargaining is now going on within Opec, with Iran admitting that it has asked for a quota increase merely because Iraq has.

Both countries depend heavily on their oil to meet their continuing military expenditure and Iran wants to add 500,000 barrels a day to its 1.2 million barrels a day quota, although it has been allowed to produce an extra 300,000 barrels a day by its neighbouring Arab states, who have trimmed their own output so that the Opec ceiling is not breached.

Charterhouse Petroleum doubles its dividend

By Our City Staff

Charterhouse Petroleum is doubling its interim dividend despite a slide in first-half pretax profits, which are down from £15.38 million to £11.36 million.

The company had promised the increase in July when it announced plans for a merger with a rival North Sea oil company, Saxon Oil. That deal was thwarted when Enterprise Oil made a £117 million takeover of Saxon.

The managing director of Charterhouse, Mr Tony Craven Walker, said the company would be looking for other potential takeovers, as one means of increasing the company's asset value.

Acquisitions during the period have brought Charterhouse an extra 15 exploration licences and in the Netherlands the company has made its first gas discovery as an operator.

It is now going ahead with tests on three onshore British fields at Horndean and Herriard, in Hampshire, and Palmer's Wood, in Surrey, which averaged 500 barrels a day in the first half.

Accountants fight fraud requirement

By Jeremy Warner

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales is to draw up standards for internal financial control and accounting records to help to prevent the spread of company fraud.

Mr Brian Jenkins, the institute's president, has written to Mr Michael Howard, the new minister at the Department of Trade and Industry responsible for corporate and consumer affairs, committing the institute to completing the work by next summer.

However, he rejects the idea of imposing a legal requirement on auditors to report suspected fraud to the authorities, saying it would not be realistic or cost effective.

The letter follows a report on fraud by an institute working party, chaired by Mr Ian Davison, and sent to the DTI last July.

A review is to begin immediately on the question of when and how auditors should consider reporting suspected malpractices to the relevent authority with a view to producing *fresh guidelines*.

At the moment the institute leans towards the view that client confidentiality is sacrosanct.

Elaborating on his letter, Mr Jenkins said the proposed standards for systems of control and proper books and records would need statutory backing if they were to operate effectively.

At present there is no legal requirement on companies to install or maintain satisfactory systems of control and the law is also unclear on what is meant by proper bookkeeping.

The institute also published yesterday its response to the DTI's consultative document *Accounting and Audit Requirements for Small Firms*. The response said the audit requirement should be dropped only when all shareholders agree.

Where all shareholders agree, the directors should sign a public statement affirming that they have fulfilled their statutory duties in relation to the accounts, the institute comments said.

IN BRIEF

SE progress to 'Big Bang'

The Stock Exchange unveiled important details of progress to the October 1986 Big Bang yesterday. Outsiders will be allowed to take 100 per cent ownership of member firms from March year but promise not to move to dual capacity before the rules are changed. Likewise outside firms which already operate dual capacity will be able to apply for non-trading membership from March.

The Exchange has decided that outside owners will have to be external members (like present limited partner) but in the future directors of such limited partner companies will not have full personal unlimited liability in the event of a failure.

£1m Empire

Empire Stores (Bradford) is paying an unchanged interim dividend of 0.5p after retax profits rose from £771,000 to just over £1 million. Austin Reed by contrast, saw pretax profits jump nearly £500,000 to £1.5 million over the same trading period. The dividend goes up from 1p to 1.5p.

STC, the troubled telecommunications and electronics group, has won a £50 million order for enhancement work on 130 British Telecom TXE4 telephone exchanges. The work which will be spread over two years, brings to £90 million the total value of TXE4 enhancement contracts placed with STC to date and the company has high hopes of further work.

Strata launch

Strata Investments, an investment trust specializing in small companies, is coming to the market via an offer for sale at 100p a share. The investment manager is Henderson Administration and the offer is underwritten by Cazanove, the stockbroker. Tempus, page 17

Cotts advances

Mitchell Cotts, the overseas trader and engineer, lifted pretax profits from £10.09 million to £12.1 million in the year to June 30. The final dividend is up from 2.5p to 2.75p. Tempus, page 17

The Public Works Loan Board, the government agency which lends money to local authorities, has postponed its decision on whether to resume its lending to Liverpool City Council. It has set no date for a firm decision.

TV dividends

Pretax profits at HTV rose from £7.1 million to £8.5 milllion for the year to July 31. The group plans to pay a final dividend of 5.2p on November 22, making a total of 7.7p (7p) for the year. Ulster Television will pay a final 2.75p on November 1, making a total 5.25p (4.75p) with pretax profit up from £1.4 million to £1.6 million. Tempus, page 17

More prices

The following are now included in the Stock Exchange prices list and will be published daily: Stone International under electricals and Brent Walker under industrials.

Sinclair shares jump

Sinclair Research now has more than half of the home computer market in Britain, according to a report from the market research company AGB. In the four weeks to September 7, Sinclair sold twice as many *home* computers as its rivals Commodore and Acorn did together.

Sinclair Research shares, in the doldrums since news of the company's financial problems became public this summer, *rose on* news of the bullish report.

Widening Circle

Blue Circle Industries, the cement group, has announces it is buying Williams Brothers, a private ready mixed concrete supplier based in Atlanta, Georgia. No price has been disclosed.

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ABN Bank	11½%
Adam & Company	11½%
Barclays	11½%
BCCI	11½%
Citibank Savings †	12¾%
Continental Trust	11½%
Co-operative Bank	11½%
C. Hoare & Co	11½%
Lloyds Bank	11½%
Nat Westminster	11½%
TSB	11½%
Citibank NA	11½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

Hunts sell silver hoard at $1bn loss

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

The Hunt family of Texas is reported to have sold finally, at a loss of $1 billion (£740 million), the huge silver hoard it accumulated in 1980 as part of an attempt to corner the world market. The sale ends one of the most extraordinary speculative *sagas of modern times.*

Long depressed precious metals markets leapt yesterday when they heard the news. In London, the spot silver price rose from 429 to 444p and *ounce*, while in New York it gained 30 cents to about 642 cents an ounce. Gold was up in sympathy from £324.90 to £329.25 an ounce in London.

A report in the *Wall Street Journal* said that the huge debts incurred by Mr Nelson Bunker Hunt, his brother Herbert, and Arab associates, had forced them to liquidate holdings of about 59 million ounces, valued today at $350 million.

In 1979 and 1980 persistent buying of silver by the Hunts forced the price up eight times to more than $50 an ounce. When it collapsed in March, 1980, the chaos seemed for a moment to threaten several Wall Street firms and the integrity of the New York *Commodity Exchange*, scene of much of the buying.

The Hunts are believed to have lost more than $1 billion in the crash. They were also obliged to mortgage assets amounting to $3.2 billion in a rescue deal with banks arranged through the good offices of the Federal Reserve Board.

It was the Hunts' hope that prices would revive in time. But market sources now suggest that they have been persistent sellers during this year whenever the market touched $6, despite the heavy losses implied.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1010.7 (−1.8
FT All Share	N/
FT Govt Securities	84.08 (−0.0
FT-SE 100	1305.4 (unchange
Bargains	20,79
Datastream USM	104.14 (+0.0
New York	
Dow Jones	1333.44 (−0.2)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12700.86 (−19.4)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1581.07 (+27.4)
Amsterdam: Gen	214.4 (−0)
Sydney: AO	1006.4 (−3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1592.2 (+.2)
Brussels:	
General	498.67 (+1.41)
Paris: CAC	208.5 (1.6)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $324.35pm–$324.90
close $329.00–329.50 (£231.50–232.00)
New York:
Comex *(Latest)* $328.35

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Audiotronic	4.50p +1p
Real Time	73p +13p
Sabina	38p +5p
Bell Grp.	550p +70p
Smallshaw(R)	52p +6p
Mitchell Cot.	65p +7p
Amstrad	150p +16p
Fergabrook	31p +3p
Gulfstrm R.	50p +5p
HTV N/V	168p +15p
Land Inv.	56p +5p
CPU Computers	33p +3p
SelecTV	12p +1p
Grampian Hdg.	150p +12p

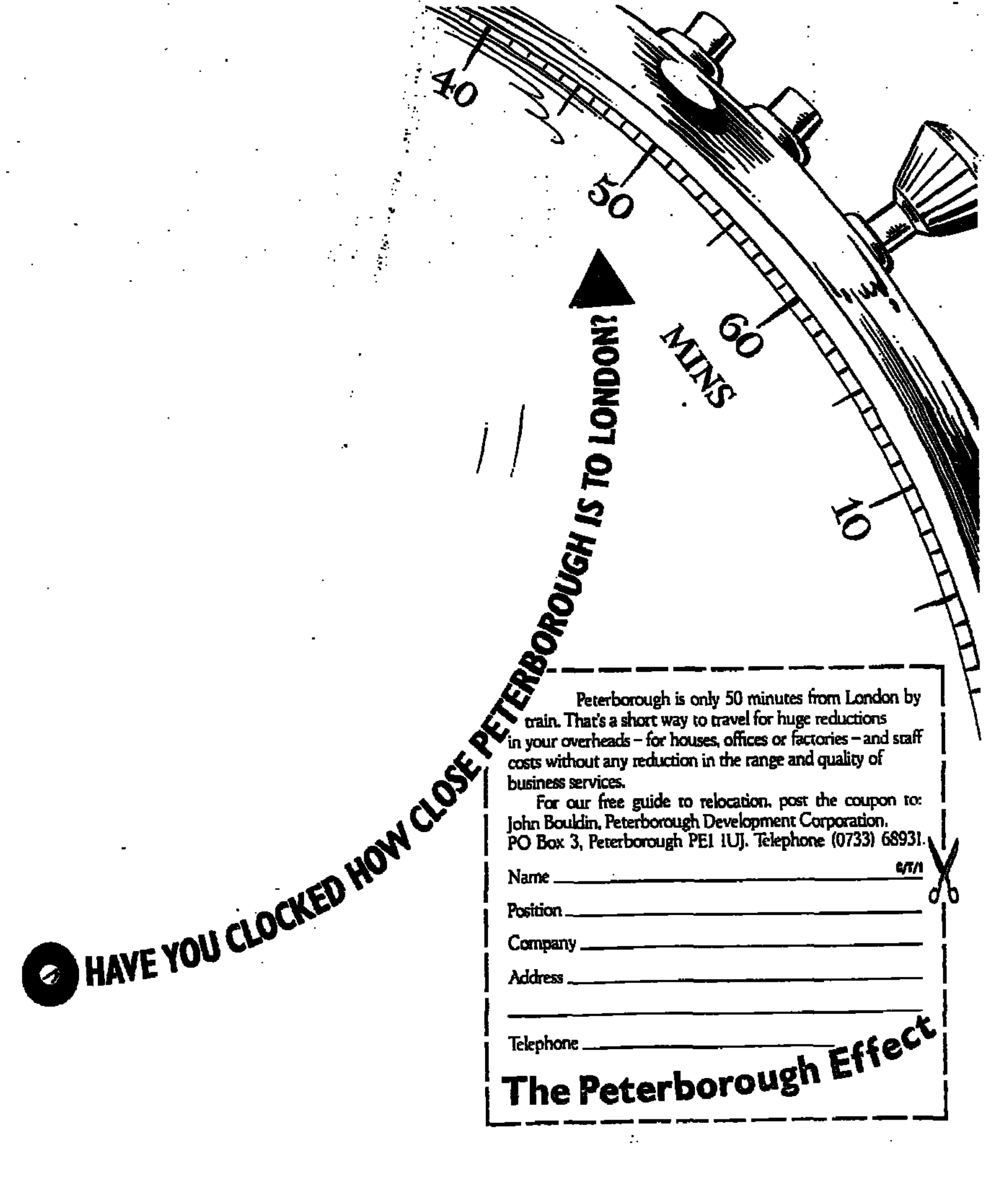
FALLS:	
Bailey Ch. B.	58p −12p
Gent (S.R.)	64p −10p
London Secs.	3p −0.50p
Hewden-Strt.	39p −5p
Oceonics	54p −7p
Finlay (Jas)	92p −10p
Hallwood Grp.	88p −9p
Zambia Cons.	63p −6p
Triefus	46p −4p
Jebsens	55p −5p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.4208 (−+0.0080)
£: DM 3.7301(−+0.0005)
£: SwFr 3.0521(−+0.0020)
£: FFr 11.3842(−-0.0121)
£: Yen 302.87(−+1.21)
£ Index: 80.2(−+0.4)
New York:
£: $1.4205
$: DM 2.6340)
$ Index: 130.7(+0.2)
ECU £0.591305
SDR £0.751853

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%%
3-month Interbank 11^{9}_{16}–11^{1}_{2}%%
3-month eligible bills
buying rate 11^{1}_{8}–11^{3}_{32}%
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%%
Federal Funds 7^{7}_{8}+%
3-month Treasury Bills 6.98-6.96%%
30-year bond price 100^{3}_{8}-100^{7}_{16}



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AMF Inc	13⅞	13⅞
AMR	39¾	40½
Allied Signal	44⅝	44⅝
Allied Stores	54⅝	55
Allis Chalmers	3⅝	3⅝
Alcoa	33½	33⅝
Amax Inc	13½	14⅛
Amerada Hess	28½	29
Am Brands	55⅝	55¾
Am Broadcast	115	114⅞
Am Can	53¼	53½
Am Cyanamid	49⅞	49⅝
Am Elec Power	20⅞	20¾
Am Express	41½	42½
Am Home	58½	59⅝
Am Hospital	46¾	46⅞
Am Motors	2⅞	3
Am Standard	30⅞	30
Am Telephone	21¼	21½
Amoco	68½	68⅝
Armco Steel	8¾	8⅞
Asarco	18¾	19
Ashland Oil	34	33¾
Atlntic Richfield	62¾	62⅞
Avon Products	23⅛	23¾
Bankers Tst NY	60	59⅝
Bankamerica	13¼	13⅛
Bank of Boston	44⅞	45¼
Bank of NY	41¼	40
Beatrice Foods	38¼	38¾
Bethlehem Steel	16⅞	16¾
Boeing	45⅞	46⅝
Boise Cascade	43¾	43½
Borden	38¾	39¼
Borg Warner	20⅝	20⅞
Bristol Myers	55⅝	56
BP	31½	31⅛
Burlington Ind	26¾	27
Burlington Nthn	64⅝	65½
Burroughs	64⅛	64⅝
Campbell Soup	41⅛	42
Canadian Pacific	12	12
Caterpillar	38½	38⅝
Celanese	126	125½
Central SW	24⅞	24⅝
Champion	21⅛	20¾
Chase Manhat	49⅞	50⅛
Chem Bank NY	35¾	35⅛
Chevron	38⅝	38¾
Chrysler	36¾	36⅝
Citicorp	42⅝	42¼
Clark Equip	30¾	30½
Coca Cola	69⅞	70⅛
Colgate	27	26⅝
CBS	117¾	116⅝
Columbia Gas	34	32⅞
Combustion Eng	26¼	26¼
Comwlth Edison	27¾	28¾
Cons Edison	34½	34⅛
Cons Nat Gas	41¼	40
Cons Power	6¾	7
Control Data	15⅝	16⅝
Corning Glass	46½	47
CPC Intl	46	45¼
Crane	38¼	38¼
Crown Zeller	37⅛	37⅛
Dart & Kraft	37⅛	37¾
Deere	25⅛	24½
Delta Air	39½	41⅛
Detroit Edison	14⅝	14⅝
Digital Equip	109¾	111
Disney	84⅝	83⅛
Dow Chemical	35¼	35⅛
Dresser Ind	19⅛	19½
Duke Power	31½	31⅝
Du Pont	59⅞	57⅞
Eastern Air	8½	8⅞
Eastman Kodak	44	43¾
Eaton Corp	52¾	52⅝
Emerson Elect	68⅝	69½
Evans Prod	1⅝	1⅝
Exxon Corp	52⅝	52⅞
Fed Dept Stores	56⅞	56¼
Firestone	19⅛	19
Fst Chicago	20⅝	20⅞
Fst Intrst Bncp	47	47¾
Fst Penn Corp	5⅞	6
Ford	45¾	45¼
GAF Corp	37⅞	38½
GTE Corp	39¼	39½
Gen Corp	47¼	47⅛
Gen Dynamics	70½	71¼
Gen Electric	57⅞	58¼
Gen Foods	118¼	118⅝
Gen Mills	63⅞	62⅝
Gen Motors	67⅝	68¼
Gen Pub Util NY	15¼	14⅛
Genesco	3¼	3⅝
Georgia Pacific	21⅝	21⅝
Gillette	64	63
Goodrich	31¼	31⅝
Goodyear	29¾	27⅝
Gould Inc	30¾	30⅝
Grace	39⅝	39⅛
Gt Atlic & Pacific	16½	16⅝
Greyhound	28	27¾
Grumman Corp	33⅝	34
Gulf & West	43¼	43⅝
Heinz H. J.	29	58
Hercules	36¾	36⅞
Hewlett-Pkrd	32⅝	33
Honeywell	61½	62⅝
IC Inds	31⅞	31⅝
Ingersoll	51	51⅛
Inland Steel	21¾	21⅝
IBM	124¾	126⅝
Int Harvester	7	7⅝
INCO	12¾	12⅞
Int Paper	45	45⅞
Int Tel Tel	34	34¼
Irving Bank	35⅝	33⅝
Jim Walter	33¾	34⅛
Johnson & John	43⅝	44⅞
Kaiser Alumin	16⅞	17¼
Kerr McGee	31¼	31½
Kimberly Clark	60¾	60⅞
K Mart	31⅞	32⅛
Kroger	42⅝	42⅛
L.T.V. Corp	5⅞	5⅝
Litton	69⅞	70
Lockheed	47¾	48
Lucky Stores	21⅛	22
Manuf Hanover	35⅛	34¾
Manville Cp	6	6
Mapco	34¼	34⅛
Marine Midland	31⅝	31¾
Martin Marietta	32½	33¼
Masco	32⅞	33
McDonnell	70⅞	71⅝
Mead	39⅝	39¾
Merck	107	106⅞
Minnesota Mng	76⅝	76⅞
Mobil Oil	29¾	30¼
Monsanto	47	47
Morgan J. P.	46⅛	45⅝
Motorola	33⅞	34¼
NCR Corp	33⅞	34⅛
NL Industries	11¼	11⅝
Nat Distillers	30½	31
Nat Med Ent	20⅛	22⅝
Norfolk South	88⅝	88½
NW Bancorp	24¼	23⅝
Occidental Pet	32⅝	32½
Ogden	30	29⅞
Olin Corp	33⅛	33
Owens-Illinois	48¼	48
Pacific Gas Elec	17⅝	17⅞
Pan Am	7	7¼
Penney J. C.	48⅝	48¾
Pennzoil	47¾	47⅞
Pepsico	61¼	61
Pfizer	47⅛	49
Phelps Dodge	20⅛	20
Philip Morris	76¼	77⅞
Phillips Petrol	12⅝	12⅛
Polaroid	34¼	33¾
PPG Ind	44¾	45⅝
Proctor Gamble	58⅛	55¾
Pub Ser El & Gas	27⅞	27
Raytheon	48¾	49⅝
RCA Corp	43⅞	43¼
Reynolds Ind	27	27¼
Reynolds Metal	34½	34¼
Rockwell Int	38⅝	37¾
Royal Dutch	64	64⅛
Safeways	31¼	31
Sara Lee	44	45¼
SFE Sopac	32½	32⅝
SCM	73	73
Schlumberger	34⅞	36¼
Scott Paper	42	41¾
Seagram	41¾	40
Sears Roebuck	32¾	33⅛
Shell Trans	40	40
Singer	35⅝	34½
Smithkline Beck	65½	65
Sony	18⅞	18¼
Sth Cal Edison	23⅛	23⅝
Sperry Corp	50½	50
Std Oil Ohio	48	47⅞
Sterling Drug	32⅞	33¾
Stevens J. P.	24⅛	24⅝
Sun Comp	55¼	53¼
Teledyne	237¼	231⅛
Tenneco	38⅞	38½
Texaco	37	37½
Texas East Corp	35⅞	33½
Texas Inst	93¼	92¼
Texas Utilities	26⅛	26¼
Textron	44⅝	45⅛
Travelers Corp	41¾	41¾
TRW Inc	80⅞	80⅞
UAL Inc	47	48⅝
Union Carbide	53¼	54⅝
Unocal	29	29
Un Pacific Corp	47¾	48
Uniroyal	21⅛	21⅞
United Brands	21⅝	21⅝
US Steel	32¾	32½
Utd Technol	37⅛	37¼
Wachovia	31½	31⅝
Warner Lambert	37⅞	37
Wells Fargo	52⅞	52¾
Westnghse Elec	37½	37⅞
Weyerhaeuser	26¾	26⅝
Whirlpool	45¾	45⅞
Woolworth	49½	48⅛
Xerox Corp	48⅝	49¼
Zenith	16¾	16⅝

CANADIAN PRICES

	Oct 2	Oct 1
Abitibi	20⅞	20⅞
Alcan Alumin	35	35
Algoma Steel	18½	18⅛
Bell Telephone	41	41½
Can Pacific	16¼	16½
Cominco	12¾	12½
Cons Bathurst	15¼	15¼
Gulf Oil	20	20
Hawker/Sid Can	20	20
Hudson Bay Mn	6¼	6¼
Imasco	24⅝	24¼
Imperial Oil	51⅛	51
Int Pipe	42	42
Mass.-Fergsn	3.10	3.00
Royal Trustco	19⅞	19⅝
Seagram	56⅝	54½
Steel Co	19⅞	20
Thomson N 'A'	21¼	20½
Walker Hiram	30¾	30⅞
WCT	16⅝	16

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Early fall for shares

New York (Agencies) – Shares turned lower in early trading yesterday with the Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 7.28 to 1,333.67 on Wednesday, losing 4.70 to 1,328.97 shortly after the market opened.

Declines led advancing issues by three to two. Volume in the first .30 minuts amounted to about 1.05 million shares.

Mr Michael Metz, of Oppenheimer, said that the beating taken by Hosptial Management stocks on Wednesday show that the market could not withstand much disappointment.

Investors liquidated huge positions in the Hospital Management Group after Hospital Corp of America said on Tuesday that hosptal utilization rates are still declining.

Mr Metz said that intense short-term speculation in takeover situations would increase volatility and send market indices higher. "The players are not satiated yet," he said.

But even if the market moved to a new high by the middle or the end of this month, the new action was "the last hurrah for this bull market," Mr Metz said.

"It could be a hot, thrilling month, but after that the market will be a dull, listless affair," he added.

Carolina Power and Light led the actives, unchanged at 26½.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Dec 85	89.26	89.26	89.23	89.26	1102
Mar 86	89.62	89.62	89.60	89.62	113
Jun 86	89.65	89.65	89.63	89.65	70
Sep 86	NT			89.61	0
Previous day's total open interest 6371					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	91.76	91.79	91.72	91.75	4068
Mar 86	91.42	91.43	91.37	91.39	533
Jun 86	91.05	91.06	91.00	91.01	294
Sep 86	90.69	90.69	90.64	90.65	38
Previous day's total open interest 19033					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 85	75-12	75-16	75-05	75.09	3536
Mar 86	NT			74.04	0
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 2371					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	98.19	98.25	98.19	98.25	308
Mar 86	NT			89.14	0
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 1294					
Long Gilt					
Dec 85	113-05	113.08	113-01	113-08	454
Mar 86	NT			113-10	0
Jun 86	NT				0
Sep 86	NT			112.10	0
Previous day's total open interest 3152					
FT-SE 100					
Dec 85	130.25	131.10	130.25	130.85	155
Mar 86	NT			132.60	0
Previous day's total open interest					

COMMODITIES

While currencies continued to provide the background yesterday, precious metals enjoyed a shot in the arm from reports that the Hunt family had finally disposed of its silver hoard.

Three-month silver jumped 15p an ounce on London, to close at 455.5p, while in New York, it jumped 30 cents and even looked like testing [illegible] points. Gold was up by more than $4 in sympathy, to close in London at $329.25 an ounce. Cocoa rallied a full £30.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER
Nov 590
Dec 600
Jan ..... Unquoted
Feb ..... Unquoted
Mar ..... Unquoted
Apr ..... Unquoted
May ..... Unquoted
Jun ..... Unquoted
Jul ..... Unquoted
Jan/Mar ..... Unquoted
Apr/Jun ..... Unquoted
Jul/Sep ..... Unquoted
Vol ..... Nil

SUGAR (Raw)
No. 6 at 16.40
Dec 141.0–39.4
Mar 147.6–
May 151.4–51.0
Aug 158.6–57.8
Oct 164.6–64.0
Dec ..... Unquoted
Vol 1,173

SUGAR (White)
Dec ..... Unquoted
Mar ..... Unquoted
May ..... Unquoted
Aug ..... Unquoted
Oct ..... Unquoted
Unquoted ..... Unquoted
Mar ..... Unquoted
Vol ..... Nil

COCOA
Dec 1782–81
Mar 1824–22
May 1852–51
July 1885–63
Sep 1870–66
Dec 1845–40
Mar 1850–48
Vol 128/3268

COFFEE
Nov 1615–11
Jan 1645–41
Mar 1677–76
May 1708–05
Jul 1745–30
Sep 1780–55
Nov 1825–1760
Vol 55/1011

SOYABEAN
Oct 125.0–15.0
Dec 122.3–22.0
Feb 126.0–25.5
Apr 126.0–25.8
Jun 125.2–25.0
Aug 126.0–25.0
Oct 126.0–25.5
Vol 413

GAS OIL
Oct 269.50–69.25
Nov 262.50–62.25
Dec 258.00–57.75
Jan 254.50–54.00
Feb 251.00–50.50
Mar 247.00–44.00
Apr 237.25–37.00
May 234.50–34.00
Jun 233.00–32.25
Vol 2786

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 979.00-980.00
Three months 1004.00-1004.50
Vol 17,850
Tone ..... steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 963.00-967.00
Three months 989.00-992.00
Vol ..... nil
Tone ..... idle

TIN STANDARD
Cash 8730.00-8740.00
Three months 8675.00-8680.00
Vol 2,065
Tone ..... steady

TIN HIGH-GRADE
Cash 8730.00-8740.00
Three months 8675.00-8680.00
Vol ..... nil
Tone ..... idle

LEAD
Cash 278.00-278.50
Three months 286.25-286.50
Vol 1,525
Tone ..... steady

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 454.00-456.00
Vol 1,000
Tone ..... quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 485.00-487.00
Three months 471.00-473.00
Vol 1,900
Tone ..... quiet

SILVER LARGE
Cash 439.0-440.0
Three months 452.0-452.5
Vol 24
Tone ..... firmer

SILVER SMALL
Cash 439.0-440.0
Three months 452.0-452.5
Vol ..... nil
Tone ..... idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 695.00-696.00
Three months 717.50-718.00
Vol 5,350
Tone ..... steady

NICKEL
Cash 3150.00-3160.00
Three months 3160.00-3165.00
Vol 1,164
Tone ..... steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 3

GB: Cattle, 95.43p per kg lw (+2.27).
GB: Sheep, 151.09p per kg est d c w (+12.48).
GB: Pigs, 79.18p per kg lw (−1.54).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 10.1 per cent, ave. price, 95.22p (+1.84)
Sheep nos. up 13.1 per cent, ave. price, 151.01p (+11.86)
Pig nos. down 14.3 per cent, ave. price, 79.22p (−1.53).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 0.1 per cent, ave. price, 96.40p (+4.12).
Sheep nos. up 11.3 per cent, ave. price, 151.44p (+15.04).
Pig nos. up 27.1 per cent, ave. price, 78.13p (−1.04).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Nov	£105.50	£106.75
Jan	£108.70	£109.45
Mar	£111.75	£112.45
May	£114.75	£115.10
Jly	£117.65	–
Sep	£97.30	£97.45

Volume:
Wheat 198
Barley 104

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Oct	UQ	UQ
Nov	1[illegible]4.0	104.0
Jan	[illegible]6.0	96.0
Feb	9[illegible].0	94.0
Mar	10[illegible].0	100.0
Apr	[illegible]0.0	100.0
May	100.0	100.0
Jun	95.0	95.0
Jly	95.[illegible]	95.0
Aug	98.[illegible]	98.0
Sep	UQ	UQ
		Vol.0

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Oct	114.[illegible]	–
Nov	116.[illegible]	116.2
Feb	103.[illegible]	103.0
Apr	103.9	104.3
Jun	101.4	101.8
Aug	100.5	100.5
		Vol 53

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	56.00	55.40
Feb	67.50	67.50
Apr	83.20	82.10
May	88.90	87.20
		Vol 1,527

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Oct 85	885.0-875.0	880.0
Jan 86	895.0-875.0	[illegible]0.0
Apr 86	940.0-930.0	[illegible]6.5
Jul 86	860.0-860.0	[illegible]5.0
Oct 86	920.0-920.0	[illegible]0.0
Jan 87	920.0-920.0	9[illegible]0.0
Apr 87	–	10[illegible]0.0
Jul 87	–	9[illegible]0

Spot: 903.0
Vol.: 465 lots

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Traders complained of quiet conditions once again yesterday. Day-to-day funding, dominated by the shortage, stayed on a quote of 11⅞–¾ per cent throughout the morning, then firmed slightly to 11–11⅞ per cent in the lunch period.

By mid-afternoon, it has risen to 12¾–¼ per cent. Then, in a market left well short at the end, it hit 20–15 per cent, before closing at about 12 per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High 12 Low 11½
Week fixed: 11¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11¼	2 months	11$\frac{3}{32}$
3 months	11⅛	3 months	11

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11¾-11$\frac{11}{32}$ | 2 months 11$\frac{9}{32}$-11¼
3 months 11⅛-11$\frac{3}{32}$ | 6 months 10$\frac{19}{32}$-10$\frac{15}{32}$

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 12 | 2 months 11$\frac{29}{32}$
3 months 11¾ | 6 months 11$\frac{7}{32}$

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12-11⅞ close 12
1 week 12-11¾ | 6 months 11$\frac{5}{16}$-11$\frac{3}{16}$
1 month 11¾-11$\frac{11}{16}$ | 9 months 11$\frac{3}{16}$-11$\frac{1}{16}$
3 months 11$\frac{9}{16}$-11½ | 12 months 11⅛-11$\frac{1}{32}$

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11¾ | 7 days 11¾
1 month 11$\frac{9}{16}$ | 3 months 11$\frac{7}{16}$
6 months 11$\frac{1}{16}$ | 12 months 10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 12⅛-11⅞ | 2 months 12$\frac{1}{16}$-11⅞
3 months 12-11¾ | 6 months 11⅞-11⅝
9 months 11¾-11½ | 12 months 11¾-11¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 11$\frac{23}{32}$-11$\frac{21}{32}$ | 3 months 11$\frac{7}{16}$-11$\frac{5}{16}$
6 months 11$\frac{1}{16}$-10$\frac{15}{16}$ | 12 months 10⅞-10$\frac{27}{32}$

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 7.95-7.85 | 3 months 8.00-7.90
6 months 8.10-8.00 | 12 months 8.45-8.35

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8-7
7 days	8$\frac{3}{16}$-8$\frac{1}{16}$	1 month	8-7⅞
3 months	8$\frac{3}{16}$-8$\frac{1}{16}$	6 months	8¼-8⅛
Deutschmark		call	5-4
7 days	4⅝-4½	1 month	4$\frac{9}{16}$-4$\frac{7}{16}$
3 months	4⅝-4½	6 months	4¾-4⅝
French Franc		call	10-9
7 days	9¾-9½	1 month	10-9⅞
3 months	10¾-10⅝	6 months	11⅛-11
Swiss Franc		call	2½-1½
7 days	2-1½	1 month	4¼-4⅛
3 months	4$\frac{9}{16}$-4$\frac{7}{16}$	6 months	4⅝-4½
Yen		call	6½-5½
7 days	6½-6⅜	1 month	6½-6⅜
3 months	6½-6⅜	6 months	6½-6⅜

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$333.00-334.50 (£234.25-235.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$78.25-79.25 (£55.00-55.75)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 4 September, 1985 to 1 October, 1985, inclusive: 11.597 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Late reports of the Federal Reserve intervening in the market pushed the dollar down further in thin and nervous trading yesterday.

Sterling, which had held a small gain for most of the day, climbed to 1.4208, a rise of 80 points.

The pound lost early on the Continent

The mark fell from 3.7297 to about 3.7465, before recovering to 3.7300.

At the close, the pound's effective exchange-rate index was up 0.4 at 80.2.

Currencies had moved within fairly narrow bands for much of the session as the market awaited a new lead.

The chances of central bank intervention before the weekend meeting of the IMF in Seoul, South Korea, again prevented the dollar from responding to recent pointers to a strengthening US.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range October 3	Market rates close October 3	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4115-1.4220	$1.4195-1.4220	0.45-0.43c prem	1.16-1.13c prem
Montreal	$1.9308-1.9440	$1.9392-1.9440	0.54-0.46c prem	1.27-1.13c prem
Amsterdam	4.1933-4.2292fl	4.1933-4.2078fl	2⅛-2c prem	6-5⅞c prem
Brussels	75.50-76.15f	75.50-75.71f	21-16c prem	46-37c prem
Copenhagen	[illegible]3.5383-13.6233k	13.5383-13.5763k	3⅝-2½ore prem	7⅛-6⅛ore prem
Dublin	[illegible]2077-1.2151p	1.2085-1.2095p	29-16p prem	64-33p prem
Frankfurt	[illegible]7204-3.7542m	3.7247-3.7355m	2⅜-2¼pf prem	6⅞-6⅝pf prem
Lisbon	[illegible]1.90-236.87e	232.88-236.87e	40-265e disc	335-1300e disc
Madrid	2[illegible].65-229.23p	227.98-228.68p	5 prem-30p disc	60-175p disc
Milan	2[illegible]7.60-2534.30lr	2520.50-2529.21lr	4-7lr disc	14-18lr disc
Oslo	11.[illegible]32-11.1864k	11.1332-11.1670k	⅛-⅜ore disc	2⅞-3⅝ore disc
Paris	11.[illegible]70-11.4570f	11.3671-11.4013f	1⅛-1¾c prem	2-1¼c prem
Stockholm	11.2[illegible]6-11.3138k	11.2846-11.2983k	2½-3¼ore disc	9⅝-10⅛ore disc
Tokyo	301.[illegible]-303.41y	302.46-303.28y	1½-1¼y prem	3⅞-3⅝y prem
Vienna	26.22-[illegible].35sch	26.22-26.29sch	15¾-14¼gro prem	40¾-36¼gro prem
Zurich	3.0441-[illegible]0713f	3.0473-3.0570f	2-1¾c prem	5⅝-5c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.4 at 80.2 (day's range 79.8-80.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.1384-1.1415
Australia dollar	1.9976-2.0028
Bahrain dinar	0.5320-0.5360
Brazil cruzeiro*	[illegible]99.00-11271.70
Cyprus pound	0.7830-0.7930
Finland marka	8.0270-8.0670
Greece drachma	184.25-186.25
Hong Kong dollar	[illegible]0710-11.0910
India rupee	16.85-17.05
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	[illegible]155-0.4195
Malaysia dollar	3.[illegible]722-3.4851
Mexico peso	[illegible]5.0-535.0
New Zealand dollar	2.5[illegible]4-2.5374
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.1[illegible]0-5.1930
Singapore dollar	3.01[illegible]-3.0303
South Africa rand	3.64[illegible]-3.8659
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.183[illegible]5.2235

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.1690-1.1710
Singapore	2.1200-2.1250
Malaysia	2.4375-2.4425
Australia	0.7120-0.7130
Canada	1.3660-1.3670
Sweden	7.9350-7.9450
Norway	7.8400-7.8500
Denmark	9.5500-9.5600
West Germany	2.6200-2.6250
Switzerland	2.1420-2.1450
Netherlands	2.9550-2.9600
France	8.0100-8.0200
Japan	212.45-212.65
Italy	1772.0-1777.0
Belgium(Comm)	53.28-53.38
Hong Kong	7.7725-7.7775
Portugal	164.00-168.00
Spain	160.60-160.90
Austria	18.42-18.46

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
101	87	Ailsa	92	..	2.6	2.8	
698	580	Alliance	610	● ..	25.1a	4.3	
155	118	Amer Trust	132	● +1	4.3	3.5	
302	245	Ang Amer Sec	261	● −1	8.1	3.1	
145	123	Ashdown	125	..	4.2b	3.4	
120	88	Atlantic Assets	108	●	0.8	0.7	
102	83	Bankers	89	..	3.5b	3.9	
194	152	Berry	160	..	1.4b	0.9	
176	152	Border & Sthrn	160	−1	4.7	2.9	
215	190	Br Assets	208	● ..	9.9b	4.8	
31¼	25	Br Empire Sec	31	..	1.3	4.2	
373	312	British Inv	345	..	20.3	5.9	
75	64	Brunner	73	..	3.1b	4.3	
89	72	Charter Agency	78½	..	3.2	4.1	
685	525	Continental	605		28.6	4.7	
178	119	Crescent Japan	138	−3	1.1	0.8	
485	365	Delta	380	..			
109	97	Derby Inc	106	..	10.9	10.3	
107	95	Do Cap	104				
297	264	Drayton Cons	291	..	13.4b	4.6	
149	112	Drayton Far East	132	● +4	1.6	1.2	
420	348	Drayton Japan	410	+2	3.8e	0.9	
422	363	Drayton Premier	418	● −2	20.7b	5.0	
183	160	Dundee Lon	170	+1	7.4b	4.4	
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	100	..	0.6	0.6	
117	103	Edinburgh	109	..	4.1	3.7	
292	254	Electric Gen	268	..	5.1	1.9	
127	114	English Int	119	..	5.0	4.2	
78	66	English Scot	70	● ..	1.9	2.7	
108½	91	English NY	103	..	3.6	3.5	
97	76	F & C Alliance	80	..	2.4	3.0	
166	122	F&C Pacific	138	● ..	1.8b	1.3	
228	186	Family	217	●	11.3b	5.2	
279	242	First Scot Amer	257		12.9b	5.0	
185	120	First Un Gen	120	..	8.7	7.3	
580	415	Fleming American	418	+3	7.5	1.8	
280	235	Fleming Claver	266		12.8	4.8	
271	233	Fleming Enterprise	271		12.1	4.5	
109	76	Fleming Far East	82½	−1	1.4	1.7	
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	103		3.6	3.5	
580	405	Fleming Japan	438	● +2	5.7	1.3	
120	105	Fleming Mercantile	115		4.3	3.7	
134	100	Fleming Overseas	104	● ..	3.9	3.8	
163	120	Fleming Tech	125	●	3.3	2.6	
334	268	Fleming Universal	274	● −2	7.1	2.6	
74	59	For Col	63	+¼	2.0b	3.2	
121	92	GBC Capital	101				
185	115	GT Japan	128	● −1	2.0	1.6	
124	97	General Funds	124		2.7	2.2	
261	230	General Cons	251		14.3b	5.7	
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	112	● ..	2.9b	2.6	
288	251	Globe	279	+1	14.1	5.1	
246	202	Greenfriar	244	+2	2.3	0.9	
275	220	Gresham House	285	..	8.3	2.7	
164	138	Hambros	154	−1	8.0	3.9	
257	226	Hill (P)	251	−1	13.8	5.5	
540	448	Invest in Success	465	+2	7.8	1.7	
235	206	Inv Cap	215	● +2	5.3b	2.4	
62	45½	Japan Assets	49	−½	0.1	0.1	
161½	127	Lake View	148	−1	3.3	2.4	
191	162	Law Debenture	177	+1	8.6b	4.8	
85	66	Lon Merchant Sec	78	● −1	3.1	4.0	
99	68	Lon Trust	73	● −1	6.1	8.3	
98	86	Merchants	95		5.4b	5.8	
174	133	Monks	142	+1	3.4b	2.4	
121	106	Murray Income	119	● +1	7.7b	6.5	
117	85	Murray Growth	117		2.0	1.7	
134	112	Murray Intl	123	● ..	6.4a	5.2	
189	163	Murray Small	184	..	3.7	2.0	
292	268	Murray Venture	286	..	6.3b	2.2	
383	354	New Court	385	..	20.4	5.6	
77	61	New Darien Oil	64	−1	0.5e	0.7	
178	153	1928	157	● ..	6.7	4.2	
45	37	Nwthrog Inc 88	46	..	3.8b	8.4	
243	157	New Tokyo	190	−2	1.4e	0.7	
324	246	Nth Atlantic Sec	254		4.6	1.8	
123	81	Nth Sea Assets	82		0.7	0.8	
283	227	Nthn Amer	237	+2	7.7b	3.3	
139	126	Outwich	134	+2	4.3	3.2	
101	81	Pacific Assets	82	..			
43	33	Do Wrnts	35				
46	32	Personal Assets	42	●	0.3	0.7	
340	292	Raeburn	312	+2	14.1b	4.5	
138	125	River & Merc	134	●	7.9b	5.9	
236	198	River Plate	214	● +1	10.7	5.0	
192	168	Robeco	[illegible]				
171	150	Rolinco	[illegible]				
267	228	Romney	[illegible]	+2	6.8b	2.9	
11⅛	10	Rorento	[illegible]				
113	98	St Andrews	[illegible]	●	4.0b	3.6	
285	235	Scottish	[illegible]	●	7.5	2.8	
252	211	Scot American	[illegible]	+1	8.4	3.4	
84½	73	Scot Eastern	[illegible]	●	2.9b	3.5	
403	345	Scot Mtge	[illegible]	−1	10.7b	3.0	
243	204	Scot Nat	[illegible]		6.4b	2.8	
153	119	Scot Nthn	[illegible]		5.4	3.6	
383	354½	Scot Merc 'A'	[illegible]		20.0	5.5	
596	500	Second Alliance	[illegible]	●	23.2	4.4	
126	109	Sec Of Scotland	125	..	5.7b	4.6	
78	61	Smaller Cos	62		2.4	3.9	
38	32	Stewart Enterp	37	●	0.6	1.5	
146	110	Stockholders	114		3.6	3.1	
100	76	Tr Australia	85	+1	2.9	3.4	
92	76	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	91	+1	5.6b	6.1	
155	137	Tr Ind & Gen	146	..	5.0	3.4	
256	205	Tr Natural Res	212		10.7	5.1	
111	79	Tr North America	82	+½	2.6	3.2	
146½	111	Tr Pacific Basin	118	−1	1.4b	1.2	
147	129	Tr Property	146	−1	6.1	3.5	
101	79	Tr Tech	83		2.5	3.0	
139	124	Tr Trustees	136	● ..	5.4b	4.0	
127	111	Temple Bar	125	..	7.1b	5.7	
250	211	Throgmorton	235	+1	10.7b	4.6	
288	248	Throg Secured Cap	288	−2			
167	137	Transoceanic	144	+1	4.9b	3.4	
120	103	Tribune	107	● −1	3.3	3.1	
82	74	Triplevest Inc	82	..	18.4	16.3	
218	188	US Debenture	204	● ..	9.3b	4.6	
82	62	Viking Resource	66	−1	1.6	2.5	
82	61	Westpool	81	●	2.2	2.7	
110	84	Winterbottom Energy	87	+2	1.0b	1.1	
159	139	Witan	149	..	3.9	2.6	
284	259	Yeoman	276	● +1	13.6h	4.9	

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
410	280	Akroyd & Smithers	400		..	..	16.5
57½	28$\frac{13}{16}$	American Express	£29⅝	−$\frac{1}{16}$	..	..	
33½	19	Argyle	33½		..	..	17.1
95	52	Boustead	71	+3			
115	88	Britannia Arrow	105	● ..	3.7	3.5	17.0
14⅛	8⅝	Daily Mail	£12⅝	..	60.0	4.8	13.5
13⅞	8½	Do 'A'	12⅝		60.0	4.8	13.5
133	113	Electra	130	..	5.3	4.1	33.1
111	80	Eng Assoc	[illegible]	●	4.3	3.9	12.7
246	176	Exco	[illegible]	●	4.5	2.3	15.6
85	65	Exploration	[illegible]	●	3.0	4.6	11.6
12½	10	First Charlotte	[illegible]		3.1	0.7	
853	700	Framlington	715		14.3	2.0	18.6
96	58	Frost Gp	[illegible]	..			
105	44	Goode (D & M)	95		1.8	1.9	18.6
940	575	Henderson Admin	930	−10	22.9	2.5	13.4
780	388	M & G	780	+20	18.3	2.5	31.0
389	217	Mercantile House	267		18.6	7.0	7.2
405	300	Mills & Allen	345	+5	22.0	6.6	8.3
113	75	Pacific Inv Tst	82	..			
41	20	Do Warrants	20½	..			
147	93	Smith Brothers	143	..	8.6	6.0	16.6

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Holmes à Court may have lost interest in Thorn EMI

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Has Mr Robert Holmes à Court, one of Australia's thrusting trio of ambitious entrepreneurs, lost interest in making another important British acquisition in the foreseeable future?

Reports from Sydney yesterday indicated that he was about to renew his assault on **Broken Hill Proprietary**, the industrial and mining group which ranks as the largest company in Australia.

It appears that Mr Holmes à Court's broker moved into the market on Wednesday and picked up more than 10 million *BHP* shares, lifiting the stake of his **Bell Coropration** to approaching 6 per cent. BHP shares were unchanged at 423p but Bell jumped 70p to 550p.

Mr Holmes à Court, who gained control of Associated Communications Corporation four years ago, has displayed a keen interest in **Thorn EMI**, the battered electronics and show-business group. Through ACC he has build up a 4 per cent shareholding. But if he intends to bid for BHP he is unlikely to have the time or resources to pursue Thorne – or indeed any other British company for some considerable time. Thorn shares fell 2p to 369p.

Meanwhile, Mr John Elliott, who runs the Australian Elders group, has signalled his intention to bid for **Allied-Lyons**, the food and drink group, which ended unchanged at 288p after active trading. The third member of the trio, Mr Alan Bond, is still *regarded in some quarters* as a possible bidder for the **Imperial Group.**

Drink shares were once again in a rare old ferment on takover hopes but **Imps**, despite a City lunch, was unchanged at 197p. The Courage brewing to Player's cigarettes group was thought to have talked at Rowe & Pitman, the broker. But R & P *refused to comment.*

Distillers Co. was again strong, helped by a variety of reports. One was the Seagram Co., the world's biggest wine and spirit group, had sold its 22 per cent shareholding in E. I. DU Pont de Nemours & Co., the huge American chemicals and textiles group. With the sales proceeds, ran the story, *Seagrams would* in conjunction with Argyll Group, bid for the DCL. It was good enough to push DCL shares to a 418p peak at one time.

A meeting with Associated Dairies this week put one leading broker in good heart about prospects at the foods group. A forecast of £190 million pretax for the year to April looks solid, apparently, against last year's total of £119 million. Asda shares have risen nearly 10p in the past two days, and stood at 142p yesterday.

On the brewing pitch, Whitbread was strong, up 9p at 245p, as the market pondered the rush of many of its top executives to the US.

A US legal tangle in which Whitbread has become embroiled could account for the trans-atlantic rush. Or, speculated some, is there another US acquisition near?

Wih the Monopolies Commission expected to clear the **Scottish and Newcastle Breweries** bid for **Matthew Brown** when it reports later this month, regional breweries scored some impressive gains. Greene, King and Greenall Whitley led the pack. Matthew Brown was up 5p at 418p. Scottish jumped 9p to 182p at the *time and* Guinness, which has sold its interest in the Taunton Cider Co., gained a further 4p to 280p.

Shares generally had a quite day with the FT 30 share index slipping 1.6 points at *1,010.9* points. The FT-SE share index shaded .0.1 point at 1, 305.3 points. Interest rate hopes, a cut before next week's Conservative Party conference, and the strength of sterling dominated sentiment. Government stocks were little changed.

British Telecom dipped 3p to *195p as City firms* began taking a closer look at Britain's biggest company. One broker, believed to be James Capel, had directors in to lunch, while another firm was heard to express mild doubts about prospects at BT.

Wood, Mackenzie has told clients the BT price is likely to look weak over the next three months, as several trading *factors weigh on the group. WM* also believes other City forecasts for full year profits are a bit too high.

Chloride, the battery maker led by Sir Michael Edwardes, *continues to gain ground as* City analysts recommend the shares as a recovery "buy". From a price about 40p a month or so ago, yesterday Chloride was at 50p, having picked up another *1p in the* day.

At *Simon & Coates* the chartist says a price of 65p is possible for Chloride by January, *with* a one to two-year view putting a tag of 100p on the shares. On fundamentals, the group is also well-liked, since Sir Michael appears to be sorting out the problems and has done a good deal on its contract with the US Government to develop a sodium-sulphur battery.

Shares of Cattle's (Holdings), the financial services and *retailing group, held at 35½p* although hopes of a deal with the Providence Capitol Life insurance group have disappeared. At one time PCL had almost 8 per cent of Cattle's and seemed keen on getting closer to the company. But it has just sold a further parcel of shares and now has only a tiny stake in the business.

The fact that Sir Michael himself has been paying more than 40p a share for more stock has also encouraged a bullish City view.

Davy Corporation, the contractor and engineer, fell 7p to 110p as the market took note of a cautious statement by the chairman at this week's shareholders' meeting. Some big orders are reckoned to be in the pipeline but he pointed to the problems of competition and the vagaries of exchange and interest rates and political factors.

Norfolk Capital Group was little changed at 22p as it paid £2.9 million in shares for the Briggens House Hotel, near *Ware, Hertfordshire.*

Among clothing makers, S R Gent lost another 10pto 64p following the bad profits news on Wednesday. The company saw a profits slump in the first *half* and now looks like only breaking even for the second half. Exact fegures are still being done. The shares have fallen 34p in two days.

Owen Owen, the department store group, *fell 30p to 415p* following "take profits" advice recently on the back of takeover hopes.

Empire Stores went 8p better to 166p alongside its half year profits news. Pretax profits came out at more than £1 million against £771,000 in the comparable perod last year.

Composite Insurers were brightening, with gains of up to 10p showing on the lists. City analysts now think that Hurricane Gloria in the US last week was a washout.

Early reports of actual claims, *following the battering taken by* areas around New York, show much smaller figures than expected. "Gloria will be of minor importance for the underwriting record of the *British* companies", says one leading broker.

Saatchi & Saatchi shares eased 5p to 690p as market men saw a line of around one million shares come on offer. The stock was quickly taken up, however.

● It was a quiet day in the traded options market, with just 7.139 contracts traded in total. British Telecom provided over *1,500* of those, as investors heard mildly bearish views on the telecommunications giant. Some 1,343 of the contracts traded in BT were calls.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **STEWART NAIRN:** The company is to seek shareholders' agreement to acquire, from Bukhatir Investments, Arbiter Investments, the sole assets of which are the Firecrest development at Ham*pstead Heath, London, for* £4.42 million. Bukhatir owns about 55 per cent of Stewart Nairn's capital.

● **HOME FARM PRODUCTS:** For the year to June 1, with figures in £000, turnover was 28,206 (24,163). Pretax profit was 803 (829). Earnings per share were 11.8p (12p). A final dividend of 2.1p, making 3.25p (same) is being paid on Nov 12.

● **GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS:** With figures in £000, turnover for the first half of this year rose to 26,612 (21,382). Pretax profit was 910 (332). Earnings per share reached 5.71p (1.97p). The interim dividend is being raised from 1.5p to 2p, payable on Nov 8, to reduce the disparity between payments.

● **SUN CO:** The Company has sold its subsidiary, Carboline, to RPM for $60 million (£42 million) in cash.

● **THOMSON T-LINE:** For the first half of this year, turnover was £906,806 (£1,082,532). The group loss, before and after tax, was £117,828 (£74,403), and the loss per share, 7.3p (4.6p). No interim dividend is being paid (same).

CRYSTALATE: The company is to close its Greendale Electronics plant at Dronfield, Derbyshire, by the end of 1985. Greendale manufactures electronic equipment for the telecommunications industry and employs about 130 people.

● **JEFFERSON SMURFIT GROUP:** An interim dividend 1.1248p (same adjusted) has been declared for the six months to July 31. With figures in IR£000, turnover (third parties) was 475,753 (406,060). Pretax profit was 20,320 (20,048) and net earnings per share (adjusted) were 5.5p (5.4p).

● **ELBAR INDUSTRIAL:** No dividend is declared for the six months to June 30. With figures in £000, operating profit was 524 (317). Post and pretax loss was 23 (loss 326) and loss per share (9.93p loss).

● **HAVELOCK EUROPA:** The chairman, Mr T S Corrigan, told shareholders at the annual meeting that the value of orders booked in the current year continues to be considerably above the level for the corresponding period last year.

● **MS INTERNATIONAL:** The chairman, Mr Kenneth Blair, told the annual meeting that the first quarter's figures are satisfactory and show profits in line with expectations and the trend has continued into the second quarter.

● **MANSON FINANCE:** Edward Manson & Co., a subsidary, will sell its leasing subsidary, Manson Leasing, to Rossie Holdings for a cash consideration of £724,872.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Aberdeen Steak Houses 5p Ord (67a)	74–1
Anglo United Dev (34)	37
Britoil 10p Ord (185) £1 paid	126–2
C C A Galleries 10p Ord (80a)	87
Colorgen Com Stk $0.01 (90a)	103
Conrad Hldgs 25p Ord (70)	76
Control Techniques 10p Ord (115)	131
Counter Products Mkt 5p Ord (125a)	130–5
Dean Park Htls 25p Ord (51a)	40
Electronic Data Proc. 5p Ord (75a)	75
InfraRed $0.10 Com Stk (94a)	88–2
Israel (Jack L) 4p Ord (20a)	27
Just Rubber 10p Ord (62a)	59–1
Kewill Systems 5p Ord (79a)	80
Lewmar 25p Ord (110a)	108
Lysander Petroleum 5p Ord (65a)	68
Moss Advertising 5p Ord (105a)	95
Nat Home Loans 75p Ord Partly Pd	46+2
Questel 10p Ord (180a)	175+10
St Ives Group 10p Ord (330*)	358
Yellowhammer 5p Ord (110a)	130+2
Rights Issues	
Emess Lighting (210) Fully Pd	247
Hanson Tst (185) Fully Pd	207–2

Issue price in parentheses. a Unlisted Securities. *by tender.

TEMPUS

Mitchell Cotts recovering despite S African setback

Mitchell Cotts has been hit once again in Africa. Just as it is recovering from the damage wreaked to its Ugandan tea plantations by Idi Amin, South Africa has turned down. This time, however, the damage should be small as the company saw the recession coming and has taken preventive action. South Africa accounted for only 12 per cent of last year's trading profits.

Ever since the Ugandan shock, Mitchell Cotts has been busy moving the balance of its operations north across the globe, by expanding at home. This policy had been successful, with the United Kingdom accounting for 60 per cent of profits last year.

Recent events in South Africa can, however, serve only to reinforce the drift to the northern hemisphere. In time this might even involve disposals of the tea estates. In Kenya, Mitchell Cotts has 100 per cent of the business which leaves it rather exposed.

In Uganda, the company would presumably wait before making any structural changes until it has brought back under cultivation all the acreage left to grow wild during the Amin years. It has another 1,000 hectares to go.

Recovery from the African trauma has been hard won. Last year profits rose to £12.1 *million before tax, exceeding* the previous peak reached in 1977, only because the company has switched to average exchange rates. This accounting change boosted the result by *£647,000.*

Having staged a recovery, the company now has to grow. In the short term this task is made the more difficult by this year's halving in the tea price. The British businesses should, however, continue to perform well, with the pesticide manufacturing subsidiary and engineering consultancy seemingly the promising areas.

The company is still intent on making aquisitions, possibly in the United States, using what remains of the rights issue proceeds. But the search for *new companies and much else* might have been hindered by the unexpected death last week of the chairman, Mr Philip Dunkley. He is suceeded by Mr John Storar, a non-executive director. Presumably further board appointments will follow.

Meanwhile, shareholders who subscribed for the rights issue at 66p in the spring should console themselves with a 9.3 per cent yield on the shares at 65p, up 8p on the day.

HTV

HTV Group's figures reveal a 20 per cent or so gain in pretax profits to £8.5 million, a rather better result than the bulk of television contracting companies can be expected to produce for 1984-85. Yet the rate of profits growth fails to convey the magnitude of the gamble which the HTV board is setting up.

The key to the wager is conta9ined in details of the Exchequer levy. This has fallen in the course of the year from £5.4 million in 1984 to just £612,000, largely because the group has beefed-up its foreign sales of television programmes from £2.8 million to £5.4 million.

Sales of programmes abroad, apparently, do not fall within the net of income qualifying for the levy. In theory, therefore, HTV has found a way round the onerous provisions of the levy, even though, as the board freely admits, the Treasury are bound to be unhappy with the technique of avoidance.

Yet shareholders have not benefited in direct ratio to the fall in the levy. Pre-levy profits of the group, indeed, have fallen from £12 million to £8.2 million. The explanation is simple.

HTV has spent heavily breaking into the US market and this shows up in a £5 million jump in programme stocks and a £2 million rise in borrowing. These new markets are expensive.

Yesterday's 15p jump in the shares to 168p indicated market approval for HTV's initiative. Yet sager traders *grumbled that a 10 per cent* dividend increase was scant recompense for the risks the group was running in provoking public-sector hostility. Over the long-term, as many have found to their cost and, indeed, surprise, the Treasury has a way of whittling down these marginal advantages.

Strata Inv

Anyone wishing to invest in the good name of Henderson Administration can now do so via a new investment trust, Strata Investments. Best known for pension fund management, unit trusts and private client business, Henderson already runs six investment trusts.

The special feature of Strata is that it will invest in shares quoted on secondary markets such as the unlisted security market. The idea is that 40 per cent of the assets will be invested in Britain, 30 per cent in the United States and the rest equally divided between Japan and various European capitals.

By spreading the fund so widely Henderson hopes to balance the risk intrinsic in smaller companies. It needs only a small proportion of the shares to rise sharply for the trust to perform well.

The 15 million shares are being offered at 100p each. Successful applicants will receive one warrant exercisable at 100p for each 10 shares they receive.

The question for investors is whether to apply for shares at 100p as part of the offer for sale or to wait and see if a discount emerges when dealings start. The average discount to assests among investment trusts is over 20 per cent.

After expenses Strata will be left with assets of only 90p a share, suggesting a theoretical share price of about 75p. In this case the discount is likely to be much smaller, partly because of the Henderson name and partly because of widespread interest in bombed out secondary markets.

Nevertheless, there seems little point in buying the shares *in the offer for sale* as investment trusts rarely open at a premium.

APPOINTMENTS

Tioxide Group: Mr C. Lenglen joins the group board as director of the technical division.

Insurance Ombudsman Bureau: **Mrs Kate Foss** has been made chairman.

Timeplex: Mr **John Eddon** has become managing director. He takes over from Mr Bryan Gray, who has been made vice-president, international of Timeplex Inc in the United States.

Rushlake Hotels: **Mr Charles von Westenholz** is joining the boards of Rushlake Hotels and its subsidiary, London Park Hotels.

Dan-Air: *Mr P. E. R. Bailey* is joining Dan-Air Associated Services as a director.

Cambridge Instruments: Mr **Roy Cotterill** has been appointed group managing director.

Truman: **Mr David Carter** has become property director.

Earls Court & Olympia Group: From November 1 Mr **Charles Cunningham** will be finance director.

Retail Plan: Miss Lynn **Kirkwood** and *Mr Paul Harper* have joined the board.

Sleepeezee: Mr Trevor Lay has been made an associate director.

Welbeck Pension Services: **Mr Triquet Dorey** has become head of marketing and product development.

INDUSTRY TODAY

No cast-iron solutions for steel men

Leaders of the world's steel industries gather in London this weekend for their annual conference *in the knowledge* that the painful and prolonged process of radical change in the fortunes of their product is far from ended.

In the new, post-oil crisis world, steel has been forced into taking a back seat in many areas. Many of its traditional applications have disappeared and new materials such as plastics, aluminium and newly-developed metals have stolen a big slice of the old steel market.

It is appropriate, therefore, that the formal sessions at the annual assembly of the Inter*national Iron and Steel Institute* – they begin on Monday at the London Hilton – will concentrate on quality and efficiency, new production developments aimed at reducing costs and longer-term predictions of the role of steel in the societies of the next century.

For steel is fighting a rearguard action. It has lost its slot in the industrialized world as an indispensable material.

European and American steelmakers have discovered – as the huge number of unemployed steelworkers demonstrates – *that* raw steel can be made much cheaper in the newly industrializing countries and that they must concentrate upon smaller scale, high value-added and therefore more profitable products.

As a result, there has developed gross overcapacity in the developed world's steel industries. Blast furnaces and rolling mills across the whole of Europe and the United States could be closed tomorrow without any impact on the level of supply.

But steel remains a political hot potato, *mostly* because of its bed-rock, essential strategic importance and, more importantly, because of the number of people it employs.

In *microcosm*, steel is demonstrating the great shift in basic manufacturing emphasis from the old to the newer developing world – and the change is causing paroxysms in the established steelmaking centres. Protectionism, state hand-outs, the all-pervading "me too" attitude have been the chief talking points.

It is also appropriate, against that background, that the British Steel Corporation is the host company to this year's IISI conference.

A few years ago, BSC was the joke among steel producers – overmanned, underproductive, propped up by indefensibly huge sums of taxpayers' cash. Today, it is able to show that *since 1979 it has shed 8 million* tonnes of capacity, cut its workforce from 206,000 to 64,500, improved its productivity by 50 per cent and returned to profitability.

Mr Leon Brittan, who has taken over from his fervent non-interventionist colleague Mr Norman Tebbit as Britain's Secretary of State of Trade and *Industry*, will deliver his first major policy speech in his new role at the IISI annual dinner on Tuesday.

BSC executives, who have weathered the steel strike of 1980 – which brought the corporation to its knees – and the miners' strike of 1984, plus the pain of the labour shake-out, will hope for more than the usual platitudes; they want to hear a condemnation of continuing US protectionist policies and a renewed call on other European producers to cut out more unused rolling capacity before Britain once again embarks on the closure trail.

In England, Scotland and Wales, much of the recent *controversy in the steel industry* has centred upon the projected closure of the Gartcosh rolling mill in Scotland and the fears for the future of the nearby Ravenscraig works.

BSC's management, led by Sir Robert Haslam, the chairman, has adopted a high profile in attempting to allay those fears, a process based upon the Government's restated support for the maintenance of Britain's five integrated steel works for at least another three years. No more steel closures before the next general election, said Mr Tebbit.

But Ravenscraig, of all the BSC's five integrated steelworks, remains the most vulnerable. At the moment, its capacity *is needed while refurbishment* takes place at others, but when that is completed, and on present demand projections, it is unlikely to survive.

The new strategy for the BSC also depends on greater involvement of private enterprise. Government cash is promised to spark off the joint venture with GKN to make engineering steels, a move which will mean that some 27 per cent of BSC's assets have been privatized.

Mr Tebbit said at the time of the announcement of the latest BSC strategy – which owes more to the political rather than commercial judgements – that it would be followed "barring unforeseen changes in underlying market oonditions." Sir Robert, guided by his down-to-earth and highly professional Yorkshire chief executive, Mr Bob Scholey, remained deeply unsure

After a year in which the corporation pulled itself back to a position of marginal profitability (after taking the £180 million cost of the miners' strike out of the account), Sir Robert stressed that it was vital to avoid new borrowing and the key question was whether there would be sufficient "good margin business" to enable BSC to improve plant utilization and generate enough cash to renew and modernize equipment.

In two sentences that underline the disquiet felt in BSC about the state of the market *and the ability to reach the £300* million profit levels adjudged to be necessary before full privatization, Sir Robert added: "Only through avoiding borrowing and generating cash can we maintain *the core of BSC's* business in a fully competitive state while providing customers with competitively-based products. The corporation continues in its belief *that it remains to be* seen *wheter the steps now being* announced will be sufficient to meet these objectives."

Sir Robert was looking beyond the narrow, domestic steel problems, however politically critical they may be, to the wider aspects of the world steel scene.

After eight years of the so-called Davignon plan, European steelmakers are still fighting among themselves over capacity reductions and price and production levels.

The Davignon plan expires at the end of this year, when all state aid to Europe's steel industries, in which only about five companies are profitable, should have finished. But a replacement – necessary because countries like France say *they cannot meet the deadline* – is running into trouble.

Mr Scholey, as newly-elected president of Eurofer, the producers' cartel which carves up EEC production quotas among members, is now pressing the EEC Commission for decisions before the end of the year so that business plans can be agreed.

The commission wants another 25 million tonnes of capacity withdrawn from the industry in the next five years after new forecasts that show stagnant demand.

The Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development predicts that world steel consumption will grow by only 1 per cent this year to 766.8 million tonnes after last year's average 8 per cent growth.

On top of this, is the latest demand from the US, where steel consumption grew by a dramatic *20* per cent last year, for more curbs against European importers

The result is likely to be some heated arguments in the bars of Park Lane *hotels* in the coming weeks – but little in the way of cast iron solutions to a confusing world problem.

Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

WORLD'S TOP 10 STEEL PRODUCERS

Company	Production 1984 (m tonnes)	Production 1983 (m tonnes)	Rank 1984	Rank 1983
Nippon Steel (Japan)	29.4	26.9	1	1
United States Steel (US)	14.3	13.4	2	2
Finsider (Italy)	13.5	12.2	3	4
British Steel	12.7	12.7	4	3
Nippon Kokan (Japan)	12.5	11.4	5	5
Thyssen (W Germany)	11.7	10.0	6	8
Sumitomo Metal (Japan)	11.3	10.3	7	7
Kawasaki Steel (Japan)	11.3	10.4	8	6
Bethlehem Steel (US)	11.0	9.7	9	9
Usinor (France)	*10.2*	*9.0*	*10*	*10*

Source: International Iron and Steel Institute

STEEL OUTPUT

	August 1985	July 1985	August 1984	*% change* August 1985/84
European Community	8572	9861	8178	4.8
United States	6440	6359	6273	2.7
Japan	8551	8965	8836	–3.2
Other Countries	10215	10553	9994	2.2
Total 30 Countries*	33778	35738	33281	1.5

*Accounting for 60 per cent of world production and 97 per cent of western world production.

WATMOUGHS (HOLDINGS) PLC

Interim results for the six months to 30th June, 1985

GROUP TURNOVER
£13.909 million – *increase 14%*

PROFIT BEFORE TAX
£874,000 – increase 12%

INTERIM DIVIDEND 1.7p PER SHARE
Rate maintained on share capital increased by 1 for 4 rights issue

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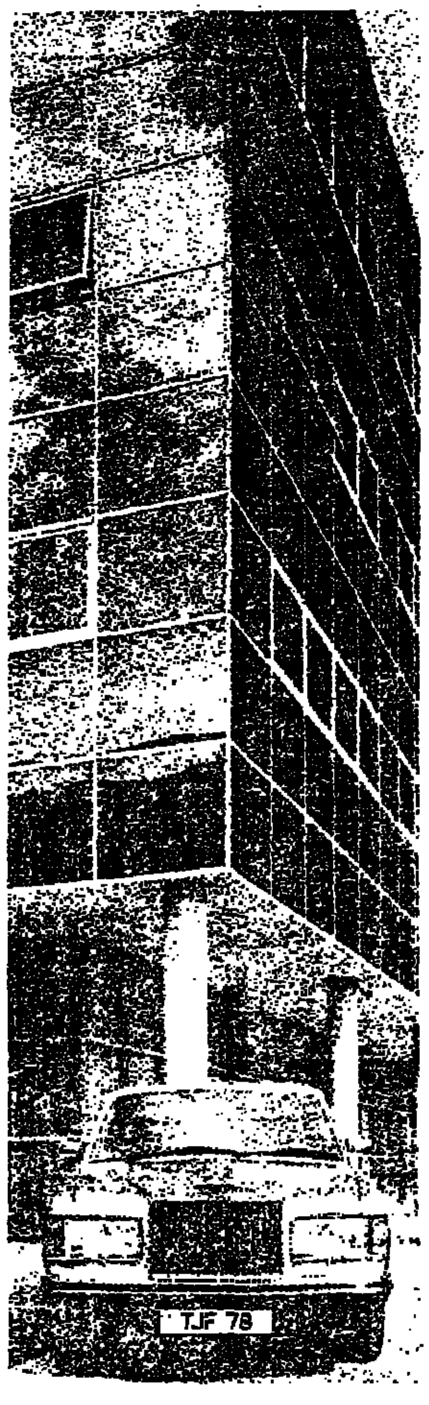

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1985 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
101.58	99.31	Exch	12¼%	1985	99.85	..	12.256	11.722
101⅞	98⅝	Exch	11¾%	1986	100⅞	-⅛	11.724	10.909
99⅝	89⅝	Treas C	10%	1986	99⅝	● ..	10.038	10.812
96⅝	91¾	Treas	3%	1986	96⅞	+⅛	3.110	8.953
100	97¼	Exch C	10½%	1986	99⅞	+⅛	10.533	10.985
101¼	98⅝	Treas	12%	1986	100⅝	..	11.920	10.900
98½	94½	Treas	8¾%	1984-86	98⅝	+⅛	8.832	10.587
105¾	102⅞	Exch	14%	1986	103⅝	● ..	13.558	10.693
94⅞	87½	Exch	2½%	1986	94⅞	+⅛	2.647	7.714

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Prospective real redemption yield on projected inflation rate (RPI) of (a) 5% and (b) 10%

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares mark time

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 30. Dealings End, Oct 11. § Contango Day, Oct 14. Settlement Day, Oct 21.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
424	332	Barclays	388	●	+5	24.0	6.5	6.8
445	380	Brown Shipley	380		..	13.2	3.5	16.4
548	468	Cater Allen	493		+8	41.3	8.4	12.0
38	22½	Cattles	35½	●	..	2.3	6.6	12.1
59⅝	34⅞	Chase Manhattan	£35¼	●	-⅛	384	10.3	..
42⅞	27⅞	Citicorp	£29⅛	●	+⅛	206	6.9	..
72	35	Clive	38	●	..	3.6	9.4	6.9
39	26	Cow Bank Wales	38		-1	..	..	..
66¼	42⅜	Commerzbank	£65¼		-1	6.0	0.1	..
180	104¼	Deutsche Bank	£179¼		-¼	1200	6.7	..
126	74½	First Nat Finance	126		..	..	..	6.0
372	294	Gerrard Nat	307		..	18.8	6.1	17.9
78	55	Guinness Peat	70		+1	2.3	3.3	18.7
185	131	Hambros	185		+2	9.3	5.0	15.5
27	12½	Do (50p)	227		+½	82.9	3.4	22.6
353	273	Hill Samuel	316	●	..	16.5	5.2	8.3
88	61½	HK Shanghai	65½	●	+½	..b	..	..
278	230	Joseph (Leopold)	253	●	..	16.1	6.4	13.2
198	148	King & Shaxson	148		..	11.8	8.1	17.8
505	375	Kleinwort Benson	480	●	+10	21.4b	4.5	8.8
489	345	Lloyds	404		+2	26.9	6.7	6.2
28	22	Manson	27	●	..	2.1	7.9	9.6
518	385	Mercury Secs	518		..	22.9	4.4	8.1
402	322	Midland	394		+12	36.4	9.2	6.5
270	173	Nat Aust Bk	245		-3	..	..	..
719	567	Nat West	622		+3	37.5	6.0	3.3
90	65½	Ottoman	£78½	●	..	550	7.0	18.9
298	193	Provident	296	●	+2	15.7	5.3	12.6
80	62½	Rea Bros	63	●	..	1.8	2.8	18.7
116	92	Rothschild (J) Hld	102	●	+1	6.5	6.4	12.2
21¼	15	Royl Bnk Of Can	£15½	●	..	..	..	..
294	216	Royl Bnk Of Scot	268		+2	12.8	4.7	9.9
10⅞	7¼	Schroders	£10⅞	●	..	28.4	2.6	14.4
70	35	Smith St Aubyn	38		..	2.9	7.5	3.5
542	422	Stand Chart	437	●	+5	42.1	9.6	6.6
745	633	Union	648	●	..	52.9	8.2	8.4
87	66	Wagon	85	●	..	5.0	5.9	11.3
51⅛	35⅞	Wells Fargo	£37½	●	+½	..	..	..
280	240	Wintrust	250	●	..	6.6	2.7	15.9

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	172	Aberdeen Constr	179	●	..	10.5	6.0	11.0
280	230	Amec	237		..	15.7	6.6	9.4
60	29	Amcliffe	60		..	0.1e	0.2	9.2
111	82	Allwoods	110		+2	5.0b	4.5	32.3
288	205	BPB Industries	285		+2	11.0	3.9	11.4
298	204	Beggeridge Brick	298		+2	9.5	3.2	12.8
112	64	Barratt Devs	108	●	-2	10.9	10.1	..
34	19	Bailey (Ben) Constr	25		..	0.8	3.2	5.0
138	113	Bellway	127		+5	10.0	7.9	8.5
70	61	Benford Concrete	65	●	..	5.4	8.2	34.2
74	51	Bett Bros	74		+3	4.4	6.0	11.1
925	545	Blockleys	870	●	..	32.9	3.8	12.5
581	466	Blue Circle	521	●	-4	28.6	5.5	7.2
238	194	Breedon&Cloud Hill	238		..	13.6	5.8	28.4
79	59	Brickhouse Dudley	71		..	4.9	6.9	12.0
80	55	Br Dredging	72		..	3.6	5.0	18.1
22	11	Brown&Jackson	18		-1	..	..	11.0
83	65	Brownlee	68		..	5.7	8.4	7.5
77	64	Bryant	77		+1	4.4	5.8	8.5
190	20	Burnett & Hallam	..	f	..	12.5	..	..
155	145	Calebread Robey	148		..	4.4	3.0	34.7
81	50	Cement-Roadstone	74½	●	..	3.0	4.0	..
66	42	Conder Grp	60	●	..	2.1	3.6	24.3
495	335	Costain	482	●	+2	22.1	4.6	9.5
310	204	Countryside	308		+5	7.5	2.4	8.9
116	84	Crouch (Derek)	114	●	-2	7.9	7.0	25.0
82	60	Dew (George)	78		..	8.1	10.4	6.1
62	45	Douglas (RM)	60	●	..	2.5	4.2	10.7
66	59	Erith	60		-1	4.4	7.4	9.8
113	90	Feb	99		-1	4.1	4.5	12.2
92	57	Do 'A'	57		-1	4.1	7.3	7.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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DRAPERY AND STORES

ELECTRICALS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
31	11½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	12½		..	1.9	15.4	28.1
309	100	CASE	124		-3	1.9	1.6	10.4
695	440	Cable & Wireless	580		+5	11.1	1.9	19.1
378	230	Cambridge Elec	230	●	-5	10.2	4.4	10.8
175	171	CAP Gp	175		..	..	..	..
50	25	Chloride	50		+1	..	..	11.7
218	129	Do 7½% CPF	214		+5	..	..	..
285	193	Comcap	203		+8	1.4	0.7	16.8
285	209	Cray Elect	220	●	+2	4.2	1.9	24.3
240	98	Crystalate	98		..	5.5	5.7	6.9
85	61	Dale Elect	69	●	+2	6.4	9.3	24.0
172	97	Dataserv	145	●	..	1.0	0.7	..
28	14	Dewhurst 'A'	22½	●	..	1.2	5.4	10.2
280	245	Domino	250		..	2.5	1.0	28.1
79	62½	Dowding & Mills	73	●	-1	4.0	5.5	11.6
208	136	Dubilier	144		..	3.6	2.5	12.6
335	265	Electrocomponents	293		..	7.5	2.6	18.2
60	37	Electronic Mach	47		+1	1.0b	2.1	33.1
55	39	Electronic Rentals	43		..	4.6	10.7	16.9
268	156	Emess Lighting	254	r	..	7.9	3.1	28.7
368	265	Eurotherm	265		-5	6.1	2.3	17.4
208	138	Farnell Elect	154		..	2.6	1.7	17.7
184	104	Ferranti	118		..	2.2	1.9	16.3
130	89	First Castle Elec	98	●	..	3.1	3.2	9.6
40	20	Forward Tech	25		..	..	..	12.6
220	154	GEC	154		-4	5.7	3.7	10.5
184	111	Grosvenor	113		..	8.2	7.3	7.8
129	78	Highland Elect	96		..	2.6	2.7	15.2
148	133	IBL	135		..	..	..	..
330	243	Int Signal & Control	325		-5	1.0	0.3	..
183	130	Jones Stroud	183	●	..	10.0	5.5	8.6
215	90	Kode	95		..	7.1	7.5	8.1
341	233	Lec Refrigeration	233	●	-2	17.9	7.7	6.4
398	100	Logica	154		+6	1.4	0.9	16.7
328	220	MK Elect	293		..	14.6	5.1	9.3
380	235	Memec	310		..	3.6	1.2	39.0
235	45	Micro BS	59		..	2.5	4.2	9.3
970	105	Micro Focus	150		..	..	..	..
98	48	Multitone Elec	53	●	..	4.0	7.5	30.8
94	64	Murray Elect	65		..	0.2e	0.3	
45	16	Newman	31		-2	1.1b	3.7	9.8
253	170	Newmark (Louis)	253	●	..	18.6	7.3	11.5
90	78½	NEI	81		..	7.5	9.3	13.8
172	47	Oceonics	54	●	-7	1.1	2.0	10.9
326	238	Oxford Instruments	323		+7	1.7	0.5	28.8
58	44	Petbow	47		..	1.6	3.3	17.2
44	31	Philcom	31		..	1.6	5.1	8.6
160½	95¼	Philips Fin 5¾%	£96½		-½	575	5.8	..
15⅞	10⅛	Philips Lamps N/V	£11⅛	●	-⅛	..	..	..
175	115	Pilco	155	●	..	7.5	4.8	8.5
148	111½	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	130	●	..	7.5	5.8	7.1
214	114	Plessey	134	●	-2	6.3	4.7	10.7
20½	14⅛	Do ADR 25	£14⅛		-¼	..	..	..
168	65	Prestec	100		..	3.1	3.1	8.5
80	39	Quest Automation	40		..	..	..	19.1
288	122	Racal Elect	144		-2	4.3	3.0	9.2
198	142	Rotaflex	178	●	..	6.7	3.8	11.0
503	382	Scholes (GH)	435	●	..	28.6	6.6	9.7
88	75	Sharrock	76	●	..	2.1	2.8	..
140	44	Sound Diffusion	51		+1½	0.6	1.2	9.9
289	82	STC	84		..	12.9e	15.3	4.2
173	137	Stone Intl	163	●	..	6.3	3.8	10.2
118	74	System Designers	84		..	0.6	0.7	30.9
21⅞	10⅝	TDK	£12½	●	-1¼	..	..	..
230	168	Telephone Rentals	185		-3	10.0b	5.4	13.4
484	301	Thorn EMI	369	●	-2	25.0	6.8	13.2
165	149	Thorpe (FW)	165		+5	5.1	3.1	8.6
385	185	Tunstall Telecom	185		+5	2.1	1.1	13.4
213	158	UEI	200	●	-2	7.5	3.8	17.9
308	191	Unitech	195	●	..	8.1	4.1	10.4
350	261	Utd Leasing	283		-2	5.1	1.8	9.0
270	161	Utd Scientific	198		-5	8.1	4.1	13.4
303	244	VG Instruments	296	●	+2	2.7	0.9	25.5
213	123	Volex	195		+5	10.7	5.5	8.1
58	40	Western Selection	55		..	3.9	7.0	16.8
100	58	Whitworth Elec	95	●	-5	2.2	2.3	14.5

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52	16	Aran Energy	21		..	..	..	..
78	32	Atlantic Resources	36		..	..	..	..
588	470	Br Petroleum	553	●	-5	45.7	8.3	6.9
32	14	Bristol Oil	15		+1	..	..	..
355	295	Br Borneo	345		..	25.0	7.2	12.8
236	181	Britoil	208		-2	18.6e	8.8	5.7
314	200	Burmah	295		..	16.4	5.5	11.1
175	123	Carless Capel	123		-3	3.9	3.2	13.6

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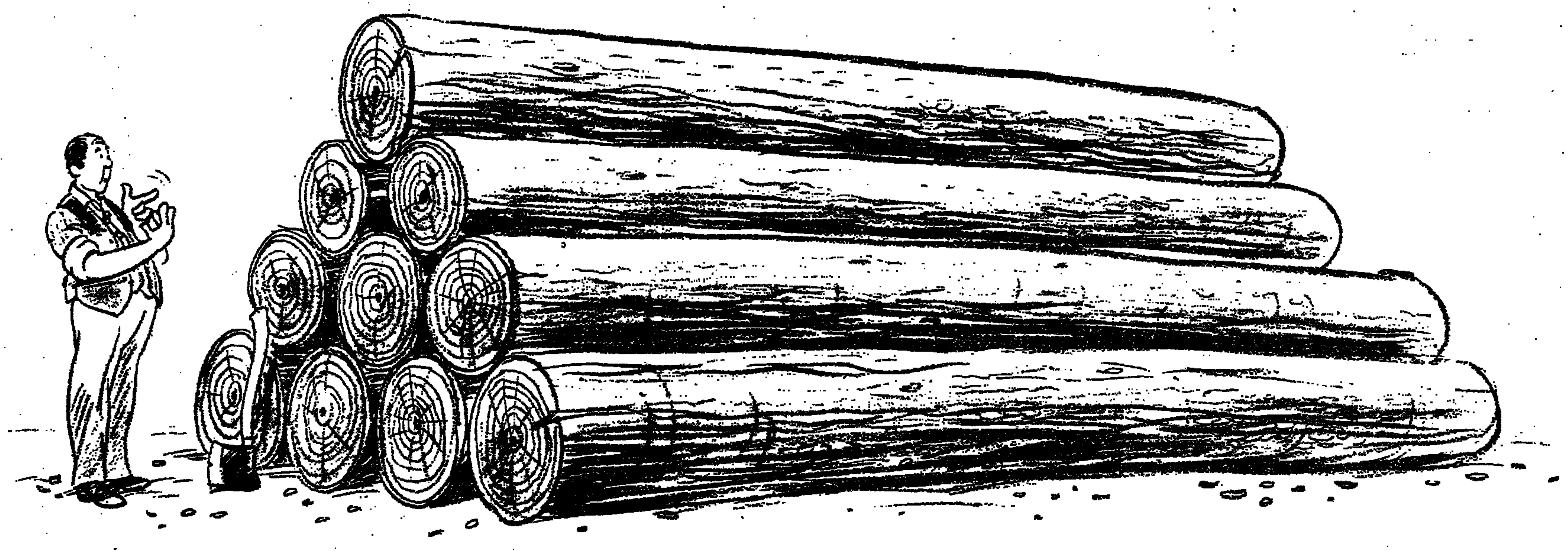

Will there be enough to cope with yet another United Newspapers share issue?

In 1981 United's shares in issue totalled 14.6 million.

In the past four years, it has printed 59.1 million more. It has already proposed to print a further 78.5 million. (And how many million more as the market continues to spurn its current offer for Fleet?).

As the pile of paper has grown, so its net tangible assets per share have shrunk to 25% of their 1982 level.

Its original activities have never regained the level of trading profit shown in 1979.

And its growth in earnings per share hasn't kept pace with that of Fleet's.

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Cash curb for reckless claims

By Derek Harris

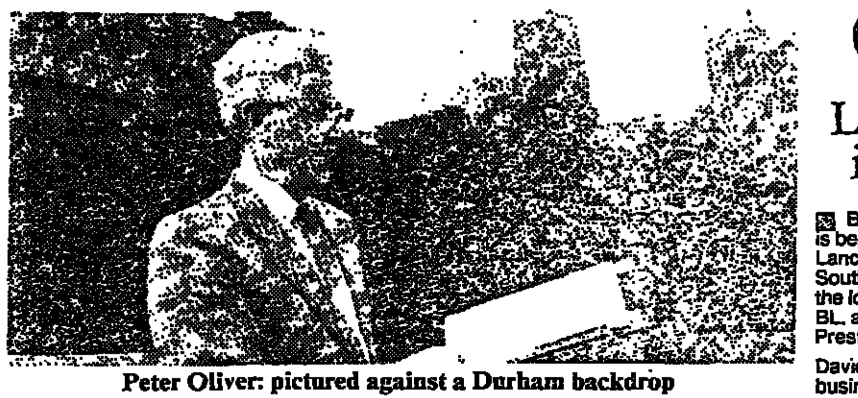
Cash deposits may be demanded of people seeking redress at industrial tribunals from small business employers. It is understood this is being considered by the Department of Employment. Since Lord Young took over as Secretary of State the department has wider responsibilities for promoting enterprise, which includes the small business sector.

The idea of cash deposits emerged some time ago in a study intended to head off reckless and speculative claims which have proved so debilitating to small businesses with few employees.

The issue had been in the department's in-trays for some time but the new team at the department may well be prepared to give it a push.

The deposit scheme is likely to apply only to very small businesses. But people failing to make out a case would not necessarily lose the deposit because that decision would rest with the tribunal which would be empowered to make an assessment.

It seems unlikely that the deposits would be set at a penal level and the most likely suggestion is that the figure would be £100.



Peter Oliver: pictured against a Durham backdrop

Peter is a tourist trap

By Ian A. Jack

Peter Oliver's love of the Northern countryside once spurred him to help start a rambling club. It seemed a natural thing to do for the young man who cycled and youth hostelled his way over the moors and through the dales from his Teesside home.

Today, at 59, Oliver has just quit the world of computers and is turning the great outdoors into a business.

From supply staff member at ICL Wilton, he joined the National Coal Board and for 20 years lived a life of computers, ending as processing shift controller with the NCB's computer bureau at Team Valley, Gateshead, a few miles from his present Tyneside home.

His love of Northumbria had continued to reveal itself in guest talks to local organizations, often illustrated by his large collection of slides.

E. Peter Oliver Tourist Services was born when he took early retirement and when the Northumbria Tourist Board started recommending him, a transatlantic call led to his first contract almost before he had stepped out of his coal board shoes.

His first job was to escort Canadian tourists around at Durham: this year he has been booked for 16 similar parties.

Peter started by taking a Tyne and Wear Enterprise Trust course in self-employment, then successfully applied for £40-a-week assistance under the Enterprise Allowance scheme.

He spent a long time polishing the words for his introductory brochure before producing the first 500 copies – one of which led to an early call from a four-star hotel asking him to man a tourist information desk for a conference of nuclear engineers.

Other assignments have included Norwegians as guest of a county council, young farmers from Israel and and a group from Denmark. Fifteen Swedes demanded a look at retail development and investigated supermarkets.

A guide, he has discovered, must know far more than history and geography. "What you do 'on site' is only part of it. Knowing where the loos are is also part of it . . .

So far he is breaking even but now has a wider business market in his sights.

● *Contact: E. Peter Oliver, 10 Hillside, Dunston, Gateshead NE11 9QR (091 460 4576)*

MR FRIDAY Ken Pyne

'Good grief! At this rate I might even get a visit from David Trippier!'

BRIEFING

Lancashire launch is right on target

Britain's 300th local enterprise agency is being launched today at Leyland in Lancashire, *Derek Harris writes*. It is the South Ribble Business Venture and has the locally-based Leyland Vehicles, part of BL, and British Aerospace (it has a Preston factory) among the sponsors.

David Trippier, minister for small businesses and tourism at the Department of Employment, will open the agency. He set a target of 300 agencies by the end of the year. In the first half of 1984 there were only 160 agencies offering help to small businesses, mostly in counselling and other advice, with sponsored backing from local companies and organizations. Most of the agencies have been launched during the present decade.

Contact: South Ribble Business Venture, Derek Wakefield (director), Towngate, Leyland, Preston PR5 1TE; phone (0772) 422242

First-time exhibitors are particularly being encouraged at the fifth annual trade and industry exhibition which opens on Sunday, for four days, at the Shoreditch Park exhibition centre, New North Road, London N1. It is sponsored by the four boroughs of Hackney, Islington, Tower Hamlets and Haringey as well as the Greater London Council.

For many people in small business illness can mean disaster: delays in medical treatment could cost money in lost business. The solution to medical delays is private medical insurance to avoid National Health waiting lists.

Advice in this field, however, can come in useful because the biggest medical insurance companies, such as BUPA or Private Patients Plan, may not necessarily be the most competitive on price or the most suitable. Brokers such as Private Medical Insurance Consultants (PMIC) may be able to act as a useful guide through the growing jungle of new schemes and companies in the market.

PMIC will advise on the type of cover needed, the amount of cover and where to look for the best deal. It additionally offers back-up services such as the administration of policies and acting in the event of a claim.

The company will also act on the clients behalf if a dispute arises with the medical insurer and it will deal with negotiating policy renewal. PMIC claim that its extensive expertise in this area could achieve great savings for the client on renewals. PMIC: 36 Sackville St, London W1X 1DB (tel: 01-439 0486).

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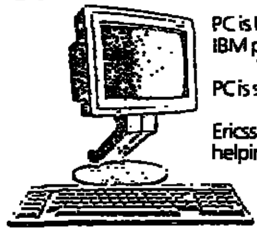

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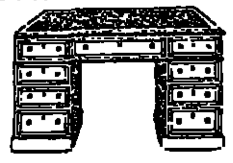

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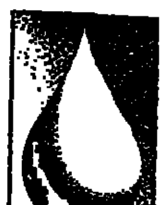

Peter Walker's tenure of office as Secretary of State for the Environment under the Edward Heath administration in the early 1970s is likely to be remembered for two great reforms. He was responsible for the six Metropolitan Councils now about to be assigned to the dustbin of history by Mrs Thatcher's Government. He was also responsible for the 10 regional water authorities in England and Wales.

Of the two, Mr Walker would probably like to be remembered more for the creation of water authorities for he would find few today throughout the political spectrum to disagree with the statement that it has proved one of the most successful postwar industrial reforms attempted by government.

The Water Act of 1973, which became law in July that year and operational the following April 1 was the signal for a huge and far-reaching reorganization of the water industry in England and Wales.

Before then responsibility for the water industry had been undertaken by 157 suppliers of water, 29 river authorities and 1,393 sewerage and sewerage disposal authorities. These undertakings were now taken over by 10 autonomous water authorities based not on political nor bureaucratic borders of administration, but on the geographic situation of the river basins and natural hydrological divisions of the country.

The authorities were made responsible for the many differing aspects of the water industry, bringing powers and functions together so that within each area a single authority had control over the entire water cycle from catchment through purification, distribution, drainage, sewage treatment recycling to ultimate discharge.

The authorities were given enormous regulatory and community responsibility, ranging from the prevention of pollution through river management, land drainage, sea defences, recreation and fisheries. The size and complexity of the reorganization was immense but once completed it brought benefits on a scale that even its most enthusiastic sponsors could scarcely ever have imagined.

Before 1974 there was a tendency to look at the problems of water in parish terms – small solutions were found to local water cycle problems. The 1974 reform brought about not only a huge cost benefit and a great leap forward in the efficiency of the industry, but also an ability to deal with and meet problems on a regional or even national level.

Len Hill, Water Authorities Association chairman: Looking at the real growth

The benefits of scale were apparent from the first days of the reorganization. Where in the past water resources might have been managed by as many as 15 different authorities, investment was required in 15 different water works. After the reform these functions could be discharged through as little as three larger water works linked in with the areas covered by the single regional authority. With all the goodwill in the world, that level of co-operation would not have been possible before the 1973 Act.

In a recent submission to the Government, the Water Authorities Association listed three examples of the benefits of the current integrated regional structure of the industry. The fragmented arrangements which applied before the reform were a serious barrier to the wider planning, investment and management essential for the water services as a whole, it contended.

Without the present structure, the linking of water supplies in Yorkshire through the Yorkshire grid involving great use of rivers for water transfer, would not have been possible, it said. The no-nonsense way in which Anglian Water dealt with the 1976 drought by laying a water main from Rutland Water to the River Witham, establishing a new treatment works at Etton, and reversing the flow of the Ouse to increase supplies of water to Grafham, would never have happened.

Finally, the WAA contended, the black country strategic sewage treatment scheme involving the closure of 12 of the 14 old and overloaded black country works was a piece of rationalization that could not have been contemplated before the 1973 reform.

Though not as dramatic as the 1973 reform, there was to be a further upheaval in the industry in 1982 when the Government abolished the National Water Council, the body which until then had overseen the authorities, and introduced a new management structure.

The old and unwieldy representative boards that had governed the authorities before 1982 were replaced with smaller management boards. Before the reform it had been common to find as many as 50 worthy dignitaries sitting on a water authority board with a consequent lack of adequate decision-making. Today the boards tend to comprise fewer than 12.

The National Water Council was replaced by the Water Authorities Association, which, unlike its predecessor, is a voluntary body representative of the industry and nobody else. This has enabled the industry to speak with more of a united voice on matters of common concern. Today, the industry feels more in need of this common voice than at any time since the early 1970s.

The Government is now eyeing the water authorities as possible candidates for privatization. With 52,000 employees and £27 billion of assets, they appear ripe for the picking from the public sector. Furthermore, the Government's determination to abolish the current system of domestic rates will undermine the whole basis for charging for the services of the water industry, raising the question of what method of financing should replace it.

According to Len Hill, chairman of the Water Authorities Association, both these issues have to be seen in the context of the wider questions of what level of investment is appropriate for the industry, how it is to be funded, and whether people are prepared to pay for it.

Mr Hill points out that a great part of the water industry's operations is non-revenue earning and that with awareness and respect for the environment increasing daily, it is in these areas that there will be the greatest demand for higher investment.

"He says: If you look at the real growth there has been in the industry over the last 10 years, it has tended to be in pollution prevention and environmental protection – in numbers of scientists and wardens. This produces a quite considerable increase in costs without yielding a penny-worth of revenue."

The debate about whether sludge should be dumped at sea, given that the only realistic alternative is incineration, could end in astronomical expense for the industry. This is the sort of issue that the WAA is increasingly considering.

Jeremy Warner

Mike Abrahams

Roy Watts, Thames Water Authority chairman, pictured against one of the Thames barrier floodgates . . . is opening the way for privatization

The trickle that started a storm

When Roy Watts, chairman of the Thames Water Authority, the largest and most prosperous of the 10 water authorities in England and Wales, began to suggest a year ago that the water industry was ripe for privatization, he found he was pushing at an open door.

Though the Government has so far been careful to avoid any emphatic statement that it is in favour of water privatization, Mr Watts could scarcely have got a more sympathetic hearing. Officials at the Department of Environment were immediately put to work on a feasibility study last April a discussion paper was sent to water authorities for comment.

The paper avoided coming to any conclusions on the feasibility of privatization or methods of achieving it in at least a part of the industry. Indeed, it opened up so many areas of discussion, collectively painting a picture of such mind-boggling complexity, that it would be easy to imagine the authors were positively against the idea.

Further work by the Department of the Environment since then, with the help of Schroder, the City merchant bank employed by the Government to advise on the issue, is believed to have concluded that the problems posed by the paper would be surmountable and privatization possible provided the political will were there.

'Reaction about private ownership is mixed'

The recent government reshuffle replacing Patrick Jenkin and Ian Gow at the Department of the Environment with Kenneth Baker and John Patten, has probably delayed any Government decision on the matter. But committed as it is to freeing enterprises from state control and reducing the size of the public sector, it would be surprising if privatization of at least a part of the industry's £27 billion assets was rejected out of hand.

Some kind of decision should be forthcoming by the end of the year and the necessary legislation could be on the statute books within the lifetime of this Government. Mr Watts's hope that Thames Water might be in the private sector by the end of 1987, however, looks a trifle optimistic.

Reaction within the industry to the prospect of private ownership has been mixed. The Thames Water Authority has spoken out publicly for it. The North West Water Authority, which takes in the cities of Manchester, Liverpool and Carlisle, has spoken out against it.

The Water Authorities Association, through which all the remaining eight authorities have chosen to present their evidence to the Government, is broadly neutral provided that any privatization does not attempt to interfere with the present structure of water basin management. Privately, however, most authorities lean one way or the other.

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Trickle that set off a flood

George Mann, North West Water Authority chairman, is against going private

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First the neutral stance. In June of this year the WAA privatization working party, chaired by Gordon Jones, chairman of Yorkshire Water, issued its response to the Government's discussion paper. It listed three main commercial constraints to operating in the public sector which some measure of privatization might remove. These were inability to borrow to finance long-term investment projects; the undesirable effects of current cost accounting and the operation of the return on assets requirement imposed by the Government; and the very short planning horizons within which the authorities have to operate.

However, though supporting anything that might lead to greater management freedom and the removal of unnecessary constraints, the WAA was violently opposed to any steps that might lead to fragmentation of the industry. Divisions of functions was suggested as a possible privatization route by the Government's discussion paper.

'It is wrong to separate supply from resources'

The WAA contended that there was "no clear line to be drawn between the operational activities of the water authorities and the so-called environmental and regulation functions.

"It would be quite wrong to envisage a structure which separates water resources from water supply or pollution control from water resources. It is precisely the interlocking of the management of the water cycle as a whole which underlies the 1973 structure in which the United Kingdom is widely acknowledged to be in the lead internationally."

The WAA acknowledged that if each authority with its range of functions were privatized in toto, there could be a risk of "conflict between the interests of the shareholders and the discharge of community service and regulatory functions" which tend to be a charge on the authority rather than a source of revenue.

These functions include conservation of water resources, levels of abstraction, land drainage, pollution, the regulation of discharges, sea defences, fisheries, navigation and recreation. The legal framework of privatization would have to be carefully drawn to safeguard these functions and some kind of licensing authority, similar to the Office of Telecommunications, might have to be set up, the WAA suggested.

The North West Water Authority, chaired by George Mann, is bitterly against privatization. It suggests that privatization would lead to higher charges because corporation tax and dividends would have to be paid in addition to financing day-to-day investment. A strict commercial approach would lead to locally-based charges and improvements would have to be paid for by the locality.

By contrast, Thames Water believes that the sooner privatization frees it from "excessive" government-imposed financial targets, the better. Privatization would mean lower increases in charges and greater investment on infrastructure.

About a quarter of water supplies in Britain is already provided by private water companies. There are 30 of these statute-based, private-sector companies. However, they do not provide much of a model for wider privatization being so hemmed in by restrictions that many of the benefits of the private sector are lost.

Furthermore, these companies are responsible only for water supply; they do not deal with sewage regulation or community services. How keen will the investing public be to put its money into non-growth utilities facing major investment programmes and with substantial non-revenue earning responsibilities?

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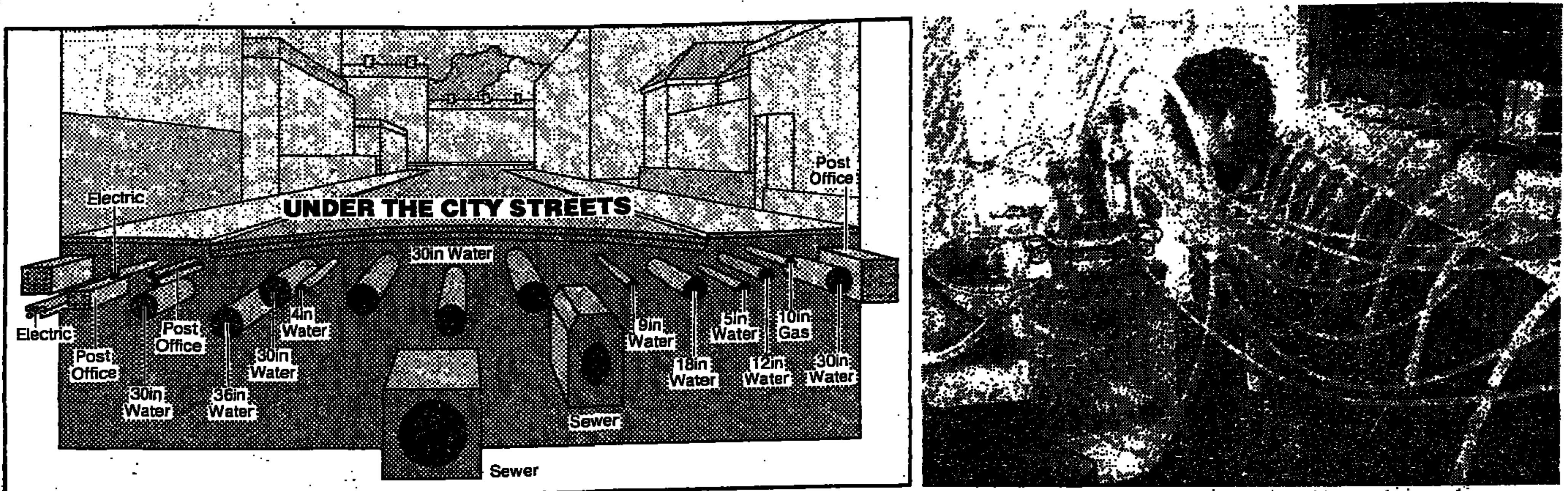
How health and safety flows into the pipeline



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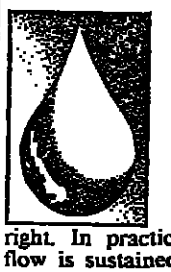
Every minute of the day townspeople walk over the underground system that gives them life support . . . while technicians at places like the Medmenham out-station of the Water Research Centre experiment with such diverse subjects as the effect of mussels on sewage



Most households in Britain are not only assured of a regular supply of wholesome water but they regard it as a matter of right. In practice, a continual flow is sustained only through the introduction of new technologies that allow new underground sources to be tapped and supplies to be taken sufely from lowland rivers which also carry agricultural and commercial wastes.

Sources of supply can be divided into three broad catergories:

- **Groundwaters:** Generally of high quality but may contain substances such as iron and manganese, depending on the geochemistry of the area. More recently, the problem of nitrate levels has emerged.
- **Upland surface waters:** Generally of good quality, but may contain a high colour from peaty soils. Mineral content depends even more widely on the geochemistry of the catchment area and there has been recently concern about the rise in aluminium leached from soils affected by acid rain.
- **Lowland surface waters:** In addition to a muddy colour thay may contain a proportion of treated sewage and industrial effluent.

Since a treatment works for a supply satisfying a population of about 50,000 costs about £2 million, and a larger works servicing 500,000 would be nearer £12 million, there are clearly enormous economic and technical issues involved in the development and design of water systems.

The fact that the water industry in Britain has kept in the forefront of innovation, and exports a large proportion of its technology, is due in large measure to the Water Research Centre, on the Thames at Medmenham, near Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Examples of the type of contaminants for which monitoring and treatment are necessary are shown in the table below which included an illustration of other characteristics that have to be controlled through treatment processes.

The laws covering public health are designed to prevent disease by waterborne organisms, and many industrial concerns need a quality of water from which all minerals are removed. An added dimension to water treatment comes from a growing list of technical standards that is being demanded under European Community legislation.

For example, the permitted level of nitrate in the water supply set by the European Commission is lower than that accepted in Britain. In addition to the health of the consumer, attempts have been made to have minimum criteria of aesthetic appeal: in other words, taste and colour.

While measurements for safety reasons of microbiolgical organisms and the concentration of known toxic compounds can be defined in absolute terms, the judgment on what is "wholesome" cannot be defined by lawyers and their technical advisers. Complaints from consumers about the cloudiness or taste of the water are not satisfied with the production of a certificate showing it meets some biological and chemical standard.

In addition to the huge programme of development funded within the industry, an annual expenditure by the Government on projects that are important to health and the environment of the whole of the UK is made by the Department of the Environment. This year that research will cost more that £3.5 million.

The work is divided into reservoir safety, estuary and marine pollution, drinking water quality and health, sewage disposal and sewerage, and freshwater conservation and pollution.

Research on reservoir safety is the smallest of the programmes. The purpose is to improve knowledge about the design and construction of reservoirs as they affect safety, that is defined by reservoir legislation for which the department is responsible.

Work is already in hand by the Institute of Hydrology and CIRIA into spillway design and flood hydrology, emphasizing the concern in Britain of possible flooding of agricultural land and urban areas downstream. New work under the £100,000 allocated this year extends the research into various ways that possible damage downstream can be caused.

More than £1,100,000 will be spent this year on water quality and health. Existing work concerns exposure of consumers to lead in water from pipes, erosion of asbestos cement, potential risks of cancer from organic chemicals and studies of disinfection of small sources of supply where the elaborate technology of the big treatment works may not be available.

The new research begun this year looks at the latest scientific and medical evidence about potentially hazardous substances when present in extremely low levels, and includes exploring ways of detecting them.

Part of the work on sewage disposal and sewerage is linked with the study of pollution of estuaries. But other research examines the effects on crops and soils from disposed sludge to land, the survival of infectious organisms in sludge, long-term disposal of sludge to land, the mobility of metals in sludged soil and their likelihood of being absorbed by crops and the effect of metals on the characteristics such as the pH of soil.

Freshwater conservation and pollution is the most wide-ranging in terms of the variety of disciplines engaged in biological, chemical, hydrological and economic studies relating to surface and groundwater quality. The new research included in the £800,000 which comes from the Department of the Environment this year includes nitrates in groundwater, protection of groundwater, water metering, economy in water use, and a total impact assessment of river basins and bioligical studies.

Closer to the supply end of the business, the water industry has employed every aspect of information technology to streamline its services. While to most of us the initials ICA would be taken to be an abbreviation for the Institute of Contemporary Arts, the water industry has added to its vocabulary some of that of the technologists. To those specialists, ICA is the shorthand for instrumentation, control and automation.

An interconnected network of electronic instruments monitoring rivers, the pipelines feeding homes and factories, pumping stations and treatment works, and weather radar measuring rainfall, provide the primary information for computer analysis at many of the operations' centres of the water authorities.

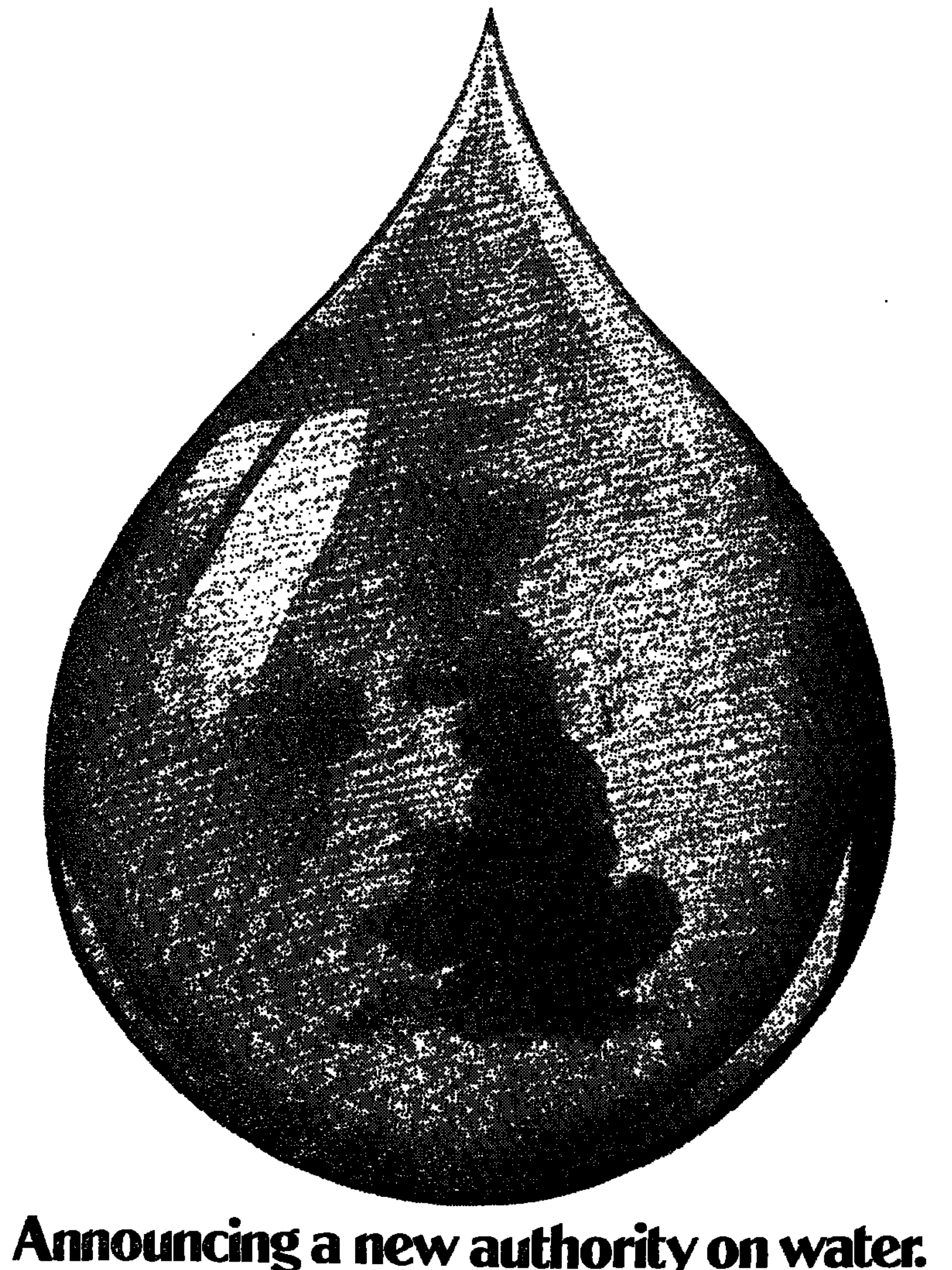
In discussing the impact of microprocessors and data communications with industry specialists in the industry, the name of Kenneth Roberts, chief executive of Wessex Water Authority, emerges as probably the best exponent of instrumentation, control and automation.

In a recent issue of the *Journal AWWA* he describes how the use of telemetry has reduced the stresses on distribution networks and extended the life of underground assets. This comes when anxiety is growing about the deterioration of old mains inherited by the water authorities.

Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Types of contaminants for treatment

Constituent	Types (for removal or control)
Microbiological	Bacteriological, coliform and virological organisms
Biological	Algae, aquatic creatures
Chemical agents of health risk	Trace metal: eg. lead and cadmium and toxic substances like arsenic, cyanide, fluoride nitrate, nitrite
Chemicals affecting aesthetic conditions	Taste and odour affected by chlorphenol, Turbidity
Chemical quality	pH, corrosivity, ammonia levels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Some arguments just don't hold water. The Government's proposals to break up and sell off the water industry, for example. Financially the arguments are leaky in the extreme. The liquid assets of some water authorities will dry up without unacceptable charges to individual consumers. A few, like Old Father Thames, believe they can become profitable and laugh all the way to the bank. But water is about more than cash flow. People and industry need clean and continuous supplies, to say nothing of sea defences, efficient drainage and anti-pollution schemes. Will private business pour its precious profits into them? No one will benefit from selling off the water industry except a trickle of private investors tapping into the market. The idea is merely a piece of political opportunism so the Government can splash out on its friends before the General Election. It is the sort of idea that comes from 'dries', when they are closeted together and the 'wets' are ignored.

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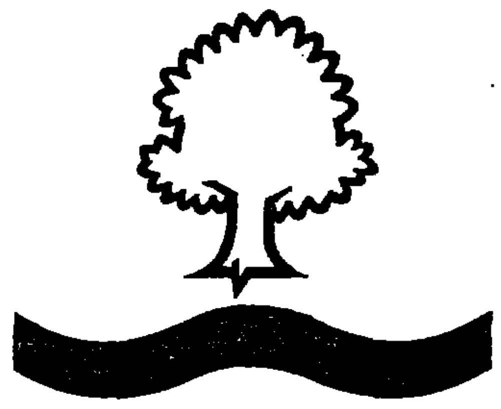

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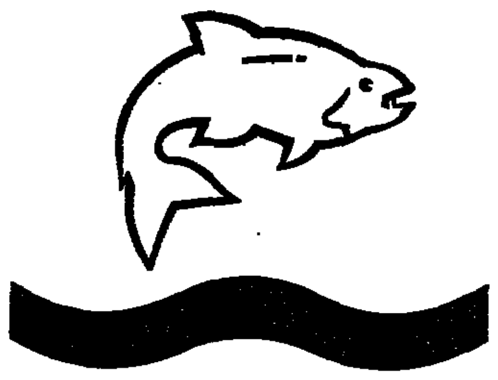

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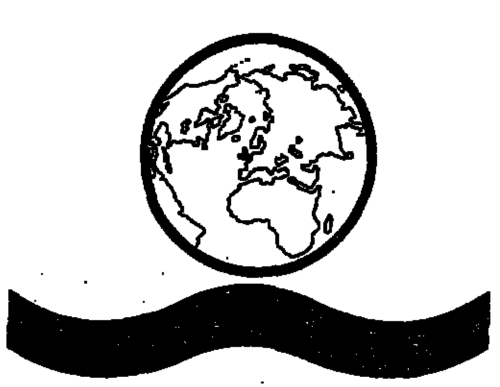

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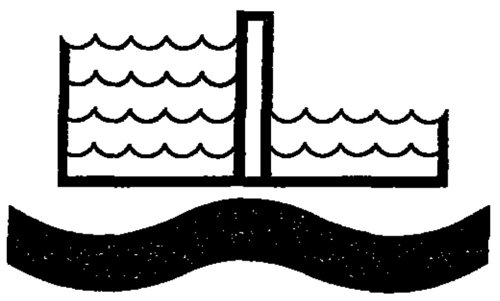

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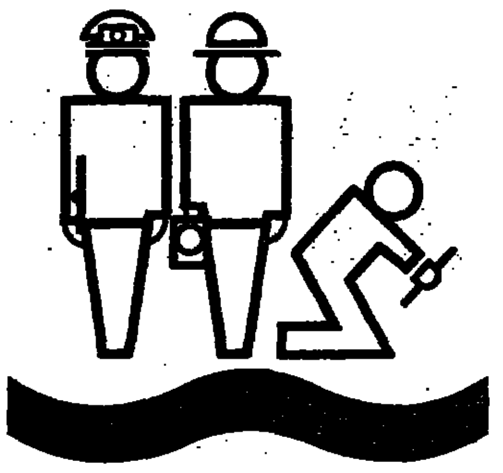

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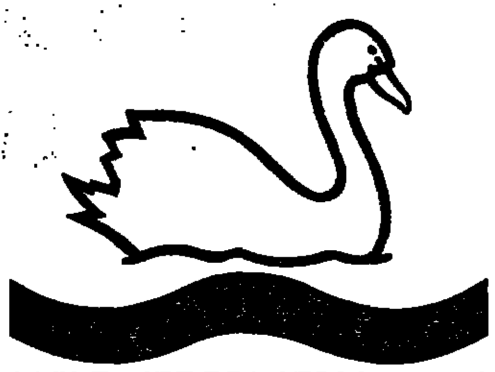

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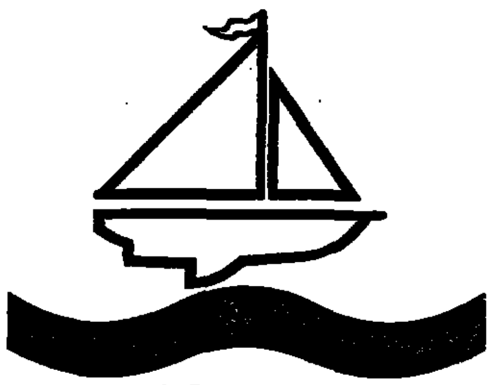

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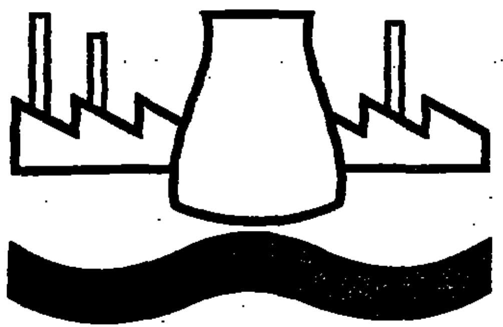

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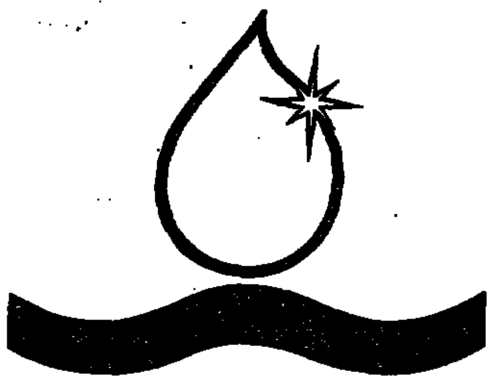

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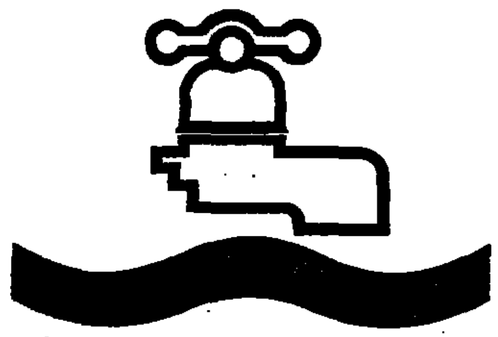

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If you could travel backwards in a time machine, what would be the first thing you noticed when you arrived in the past? The lack of bright artificial lighting, you might answer, or the period costumes so much rougher and less sleek than those used by film producers.

It might be the sight of so many horses, or the compelling signs of poverty and unchecked disease. You would soon notice all those things, but one other would attack your senses first. It would be the smell.

The time machine would not have to go far for you to find the whiff of the past. In 1849 *The Times* published a long letter in which a group of poor residents of Soho protested that they were living 60 to a cellar with "no privies, no dustbins, no drains, no water supplies and no drain or sewer in the whole place".

The stench from such places penetrated to the more genteel areas of the nation's great cities and helped to stimulate reform. Further encouragement was given by the discovery that British cholera outbreaks could be traced to water supplies.

The great migration of families from the countryside to the towns took place before public authorities in Victorian Britain had worked out a way of separating extensive public water supplies from discharges of sewage. The village cesspit was often still far too close to the village pump.

There was a great leap in public health standards in the later 19th century. The engineers then were responsible for much more than the Crystal Palace and the Great Western Railway. They also built a great network of urban sewers that proved well able to cope with the discharges of the growing populations of the great cities.

Their bold pioneering work laid the foundations of a comprehensive waste disposal system that has given Britain the highest proportion in the world of households on mains drainage. Sewers were the first part of what is now called the "underground infrastructure". It includes gas pipes, electrical cables and water mains and adds up to a total length of about a million miles of what is known collectively as "utility apparatus".

If it were all put together in a long line it would stretch for more than four times the distance from the earth to the moon.

Sewers alone account for well over 100,000 miles of the whole network and some of those now in use date back to the earliest Victorian times. Some are so old that nobody knows where they are until they cave in. There are thought to be about 5,000 sewer collapses and 20,000 blockages each year.

The network was left to its own devices for decades, especially since most of it was too narrow for inspection by walking through it. Many of the old sewers have been replaced, but some are still in use. Some were built in trenches lined with bricks and covered with stone slabs wide enough to stretch across the top. The weight of the slabs has often begun to squash the brick-lined trenches.

Elsewhere, walls have weakened enough to allow water to seep in from the surrounding soil. That causes silt to fill the sewer while its wall is made unstable and more likely to give way. The oldest and most decrepit sewers are in cities where their collapse causes the greatest disruption in terms of traffic and even subsidence of buildings.

The Lords select committee on science and technology said nearly three years ago after investigating the water industry that "a sense of urgency should be introduced into tackling sewer dereliction".

Repairing the Fleet Sewer, January 1854

The number of collapses and blockages is the best available measure of the state of sewers even though closed-circuit television is now used to inspect sewers too small to enter.

One of the most recent detailed surveys was done by the Severn-Trent water authority, which covers most of the Midlands. It showed that only two per cent of the authority's hundreds of miles of sewers were "unsound". But while most of the 20th-century sewers in the authority's area were in good condition, a tenth or more of those inherited from the 19th century needed attention.

The state of Britain's sewers has been given the attention it deserves only since almost 2,000 separate local boards were absorbed into the 10 new English and Welsh water authorities and nine Scottish regional councils.

Sewers are now divided into three categories, starting with about five per cent in such a poor state that renovation would cost less than the *failure* which would probably take place without it. A further 15 per cent are thought to have points of "serious potential failure". The remaining 80 per cent are classed as satisfactory.

Though only a minority of sewers are in trouble, they tend to be the most awkward to reach. That is often because they are under buildings or roads, are large and have been built at great depth. One difficulty for the water authorities is to decide when to spend money on descending to a sewer to mend it.

It is not always an easy question to resolve. One way is to try to work out whether the cost of a failure in a particular sewer would be greater than the cost of remedial work designed to avoid such a failure. That is the cost-effectiveness question.

There is also a cost-benefit question. Will the cost of remedial work be less than the offence and disruption caused by a failure? The *Sewerage Rehabilitation Manual*, published for the water industry by the Water Research Centre, says delicately that the first approach is more suitable.

The trouble with a cost-benefit analysis of sewer collapses is that "intangibles tend to dominate the equation". Among the intangibles the manual lists "revulsion to visually intrusive matter".

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How we coped with the droughts

Drought is always a worrying time for the water industry, but it rarely causes the ground to crack as it did at Pitsford reservoir in Northamptonshire in 1976

It is hard to recall, after the dismal summer of 1985, that parts of Britain can occasionally be desperately short of water. The industry is getting better at dealing with drought, but there is still some way to go.

There have been four serious droughts this century, in 1933-34, 1959, 1975-76 and 1984. Last year's was the second sustained shortage experienced by the industry since its 1973 reorganization, and the way it was tackled compared with 1975-76 shows the progress that has been made. Though last year's drought was equally severe in some areas, it was generally confined to the western half of the country, was shorter, and was not preceded by an exceptionally dry winter, as it was in 1975.

Ideally, all Britain's water should be on a fully interconnected national grid, just like that for electricity. The creation of large regional water authorities out of many dozens of separate undertakings has enabled the industry to progress significantly along that road, although time, cost and planning considerations still leave us far short of the ideal.

The 1975-76 drought came too soon after reorganization for much to have been done towards building links between one water supply and another. But by 1984 enough progress had been made to avoid the need for water rationing in any part of the country, although the industry freely admits that it was a close-run thing, and urgent emergency work had to be done to lay temporary mains for the transfer of supplies from areas of relative plenty to those of serious shortage.

During last summer's drought, the experience in Yorkshire clearly demonstrated the value of a grid system in moving bulk supplies of water to the areas of greatest need.

Pioneering long distance grids

Long before the industry's reorganization, Yorkshire had pioneered the development of long-distance water grids. As far back as the 1960s, Sheffield, partnered by Leeds and in association with Barnsley and Rotherham, had built a water intake and treatment plant on the River Derwent, with a trunk pipeline from there to Sheffield and feeder mains to the other three towns.

There were problems of quality, in an area where an intensive woollen industry relies on water of a particular grade, but on the whole it was a success, and a harbinger of things to come. Since 1973, Yorkshire Water has extended greatly the grid system, with the result that not only the resources of nearly 100 reservoirs in the Pennines, but much of the flow of the Derwent, can be diverted as necessary over a wide area of South and West Yorkshire.

The last drought did, however, show up the grid's weaknesses. It is not yet complete to certain major towns, notably Halifax, Huddersfield and Bradford, and it was those areas which last summer came perilously close to water rationing. Work is in hand to complete the link, chiefly by pumping stations and trunk mains to extract more water from the River Wharfe.

A further advantage of Yorkshire's grid is that in the event of major pollution or breakdown of pumping or sewage equipment, fresh water can be diverted speedily from other areas of Yorkshire Water's huge territory.

Another graphic illustration of the need to move bulk water over comparatively long distances comes from the South-West, which despite a depressingly healthy annual rainfall has in the past been especially prone to water shortage. Its problem was a large number of very small reservoirs, few of them connected.

Soon after its creation, South-West Water launched a big scheme to build three interlinked reservoirs. The first, at Wimbleball, was only half-complete when the 1975 drought came. It, and the second at Colliford Lake, were ready for the 1984 drought, and only just managed to cope, despite Colliford's capacity being virtually equal to the sum of all the reservoirs inherited by South-West Water on its creation in 1973.

The third reservoir in the scheme, Roadford, should have been ready for the 1984 drought, but because of planning objections it has not even been begun. The scheme has already been the subject of three public inquiries, the most recent on what size the reservoir should be. South-West Water wants one of 8.1 million gallons capacity, but after the 1983 inquiry the Government sanctioned one of only 5.2 million gallons. The authority, determined to proceed with the original scheme, now hopes that Roadford will be operational in 1990.

Coping with drought is largely a physical matter of getting enough water to the right place at the right time, but it is also a matter of legislation. The Drought Act, passed in 1976 towards the end of that particular shortage and therefore too late to be of much use, was employed widely last year. Its purpose is to make it quicker and easier for authorities to impose varying degrees of water rationing at levels between a mere hosepipe ban and all-out use of standpipes.

It worked well, but most authorities last year still found it slow and cumbersome.

As one small example, the Act requires authorities to notify planned restrictions in at least two local newspapers. The authorities found the papers often slow to respond, demanding the advertisement copy so far in advance that by the time notice appeared, it was too late.

Things were worse in Scotland, where the Drought Act does not apply and where water is the responsibility of the regional local government authorities. Strathclyde region last summer grappled with a serious water shortage, when even the level of bonnie Loch Lomond fell below its permitted minimum: Strathclyde, obliged to operate under the entirely different Water (Scotland) Act of 1980, found it had no statutory powers to regulate water consumption at any level between a hosepipe and full-scale rationing.

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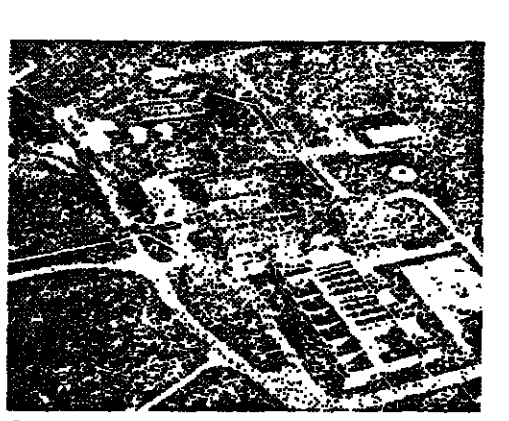
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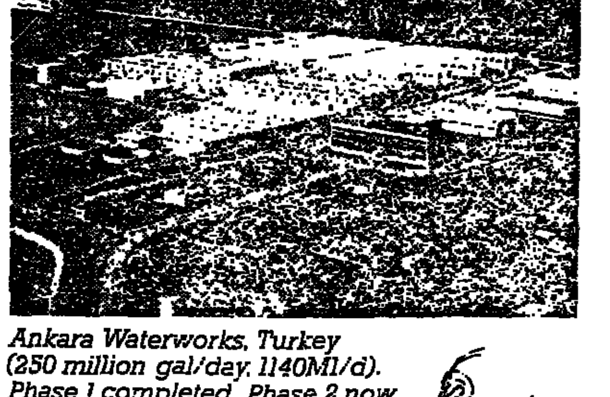
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The high cost of keeping the sea at bay

When the water authorities discharge their vital but often-forgotten duty of flood prevention, they find themselves fighting more and more on two fronts: against the elements and against central government.

Flood protection, from both sea and inland rivers, is the ultimate responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and is the only area of the water authorities' responsibility which attracts major and regular government grants. That those grants are now the subject of severe cuts has raised alarm in some parts of the industry.

Last year Anglian Water, which has a great many more miles of vulnerable coastline then any other regional authority, told MPs from within its area that more than £100 million would be needed over the next 20 years to avoid the risks of parts of the sea defences failing, causing coastal flooding.

Current investment, according to Anglian's Regional Land Drainage Committee, is "woefully inadequate," and surveys have indicated continuing erosion and deterioration of defences, particularly in Essex.

Anglian has since said that the Government cutbacks in the amount of money available for such projects, coupled with strict financial controls on what the authority can borrow for capital schemes, means that vital schemes will be delayed, and there will be insufficient maintenance and replacement of existing defences. The chairman of the regional land drainage committee went on record to say that he would now be forced to abandon almost all new defence works except where there was a direct threat to life or property.

The figures bear out Anglian's concern. In 1982-83, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food set aside £50 million for grant aid to flood defence works. Last year the figure had fallen to £26 million; in the current year it has fallen to £14 million, and for the next two years the ceiling has been set at a mere £10 million per year.

The percentage of the capital sum recoverable from the ministry is also falling. Average grants in the current year have been set at between 27 and 37 per cent of total cost; next year they will be reduced to between 21 and 31 per cent, although coastal defence works will continue to attract an additional 15 per cent supplement.

But it is easy to be too alarmist. More sober counsels in the industry see the reduction in grants as being mainly directed towards agriculture, a sector of the economy which has enjoyed an exceptional degree of government featherbedding in recent years. The reduction in grants will mainly affect farmers, who in the past have had low-lying fields and pasture protected from flood at almost no cost to themselves.

In cutting the level of support grant, the Government has made it clear that, within the reduced amount of money available, urban and coastal defence works will continue to receive priority.

Nevertheless, there is undoubtedly a severe financial squeeze, in which the water authorities find themselves caught in a pincer movement. Apart from ministry grants, the normal source of financing flood defence works is through a precept on local authority rates. Councils, which now live under the threat of rate-capping, are less willing than they once were to make such money available.

Cheaper ways to avoid trouble

But there are happier aspects. Michael Jopling, the agriculture minister, sanctioned £9 million recently in grants for flood defence works around the city of Lincoln. The scheme was a curious trade-off – the city was made more secure, but only at the expense of surrounding farmland, which is now more susceptible than before to flooding. The farmers, naturally, were paid compensation.

With money for capital projects now tighter than before, the industry is looking for cheaper ways to maintain flood defences. Anglian Water has recently had considerable success in experiments with a cheap and quick method of repairing sea defences. It involves laying a flexible mat of concrete blocks held together with metal or plastic ties laid over existing and damaged sea walls to break the force of the waves.

Elsewhere, increasing reliance is being put on more accurate forms of weather forecasting and of monitoring rising water levels, involving sophisticated but still relatively inexpensive computer systems.

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Caroline Webb/WaterAid

Quiet flows the charity

The *horrors of mass starvation in the Third* World obscure the frequent lack there of necessities other than food. Starvation in Ethiopia has highlighted the awkward juxtaposition of desperate shortages of food in many parts of the world and heavy unwanted surpluses in others.

But the present age is not one of mass starvation alone. We may not be very conscious of the fact, but in 1985 we are halfway through the Water Decade campaign established by the United Nations. It was estimated at the start of the decade in 1980 that more than half of the population of the developing countries had no adequate water supply.

WaterAid is the charity devised by the British water industry to marshall help for the millions of people who have no easy access to adequate water and sanitation. The initials VIP stand for ventilated improved privy in the language of WaterAid, and serve as a blunt reminder of one of the prime needs of many rural populations.

Mrs Anne Beaumont, head of UK operations with WaterAid, said: "We are not a disaster-relief agency. We do not compete with other charities. When we are overseas we always have an overseas partner. We always act as the minor partner."

Noel Banks is a former Department of the Environment inspecting engineer who has spent four months working in Kenya for WaterAid.

Mr Banks *said that the mere installation of* a system was not enough; local people had to be shown how to use the equipment. He added: "There are many areas in which rural people are able to contribute money.

"There are many areas in which there is no money at all. What sometimes needs to be harnessed is the capability to organize things. We have been able to harness this in Kenya. *The picture shows self-help water collection at Maseno in Kenya.*"

Without simple equipment like handpumps for village water supplies, there is a danger that waste water will contaminate supplies used for drinking and cooking. Thousands of children die each year from diseases carried by water.

WaterAid's income last year reached more than £350,000, and it hopes to bring in £500,000 this year. But its best hope of increasing funds is still in an experimental stage. Householders in a few parts of Britain receive WaterAid forms with their water rates bills inviting them to round up their bills to a higher sum than they have been charged.

Their local water authority or company then deducts the difference between what they pay and what they are charged and sends the difference on to WaterAid. Mrs Beaumont estimated that such rounding-up could be worth £800,000 a year to WaterAid if it were applied to bills throughout Britain.

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A barge puts the bubble in the Thames

Water authorities in England and Wales spend more than £20 million a year on monitoring the water quality of our rivers. The figure is likely to increase rather than decrease as directives from Brussels introduce precise definitions of what is drinkable water, to replace the previously vague requirement that it be merely "clean".

It is a massive task, not least because a third of all our drinking water is still drawn from lowland rivers which also carry domestic and industrial sewage. Two centuries of an industrial revolution only now drawing to a close have left a tremendous legacy of filth.

Severe recession, and the consequent decline of heavy industry, coupled with a greater awareness of the quality of the environment, have given an incentive to the water industry to return some of our main waterways to something approaching their pre-industrial purity.

England now has one of the cleanest lowland rivers in Europe, and one of the dirtiest.

The Thames represents one of Europe's biggest success stories in the rebirth of a river, a story which reached a high point in 1983 with the taking of the first rod-caught salmon, among the fussiest of all river inhabitants.

But though enormous strides have been made in recent years, the Thames is still at risk. The greatest threat to the water quality of the tidal river is posed by discharges of storm sewage from emergency outfalls in central London.

The capital's sewers, most of which were built in the 1860s, convey combined flows of surface run off and foul sewage. At times of heavy rainfall they cannot cope and rainwater mixed with diluted sewage enters the river.

To build holding tanks and additional sewers for those sudden peaks would be prohibitively expensive and would cause huge disturbance to central London. Thames Water has therefore experimented with a novel solution, a barge known as the Thames Bubbler.

The barge carries an oxygenation plant for making up to 10 tonnes of near-pure oxygen a day from the atmosphere. Having identified an outpouring of sewage into the river, with the consequent drop in oxygen level, the barge positions itself over the worst affected area, following it on the current, and pumps neat, bubbling oxygen into the water.

Immense task to clean the Mersey

No mere barge could clean up the Mersey, England's dirtiest river and long regarded as one of Europe's pollution blackspots. In 1982, as part of the general regeneration of Merseyside, the Department of the Environment, then under Michael Heseltine, proposed the largest-ever programme of works to restore the watercourses of the Mersey river system and the adjoining land.

The task is immense, compounded by the very nature of the estuary itself – a wide, shallow basin leading to a narrow sea outlet. It can take 30 days for pollution entering the water at the tidal limit near Warrington to clear the river mouth 29 miles away.

The river system takes the effluent of five million people, and in the estuary alone there are nearly 50 outfalls for untreated sewage. In addition the Mersey is home to large petrochemical, paper, textile and detergent industries.

When the scheme was launched in 1982, the Department of the Environment reported that, of the 930-odd miles of the Mersey river system, 340 miles were polluted, and of these more than 90 were "grossly polluted".

The pollution was severe, even though for the past 20 years North-West Water and its predecessors had managed to improve the river quality, from zero oxygen to more than 50 per cent of saturation where the river enters the estuary.

Cleaning up the Mersey will take at least 25 years, but a good start has been made, helped by substantial grants from the European Community's regional development fund.

The total value of the three-year first phase of the programme is £433 million, of which £231 million is earmarked for improving water quality, and the balance for cleaning up the wreckage of vanished prosperity and improving the river banks.

Most of the money for enhanced water quality is being spent on new sewerage and sewage treatment capacity.

When he launched the regeneration of Merseyside, Mr Heseltine envisaged that the rebirth of the Mersey would be a co-operative effort between water authority, local authority and many private interests.

Much has been achieved, notably the creation of the international garden festival site on the Mersey shore, but Liverpool's continuing dire financial problems must place a question mark over at least some aspects of the plans to rescue the Mersey from dereliction.

Joint venture to rescue the river

However, Merseyside can draw encouragement from the experience of Tyneside, where a similar co-operative venture to rescue an equally squalid waterway was started more than 25 years ago and is now paying handsome dividends.

In the 1950s, 88 per cent of all Tyneside's sewage was discharged untreated into the Tyne estuary. The river stank in summer, and the once-important salmon and sea trout fishery was almost extinct.

In 1958 20 Tyneside public authorities established a joint working party to determine how the river might be rescued.

The discussions led in 1966 to the formation of the Tyneside Joint Sewerage Board, and by the time Northumbrian Water came into being with the industry's reorganization in 1974, the decisions on what needed to be done had not only been taken, but construction work had actually started.

Of the planned 47 miles of new sewers, most of them feeding the Howdon sewage works at North Shields, 30 miles have already been built at a cost of just over £100 million.

But the cleaning-up of rivers is a battle far from won, as is shown by the annual statistics of river and canal water quality issued by the Department of the Environment. Last year 10 per cent of all river and canal length was classed as being of low quality, compared with 9.1 per cent the previous year.

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Measuring by meters

The last in-depth study of the finances of the water industry was the National Water Council's *Paying for Water*, which was published in April 1969. It concluded that the industry was borrowing excessively and that this was not suitable at a time when renewal and replacement was accounting for the bulk of capital budgets.

It recommended that charging to consumers by way of depreciation ought to be substantially increased to reflect their use of the industry's assets in terms of present-day costs. Broadly speaking, this policy is being put into action.

The Government has made it a long-term goal for each of England and Wales' 10 water authorities to become self-financing – to stop borrowing to fund new investment and indeed to pay back a lot of what is already owed. For some authorities, such as Thames Water, the Government's deadline is sooner than for the ones where the growing bill for replacement in older urban areas leaves only limited scope within capital programmes for extensions and improvements.

The Treasury has set the water authorities punishing financial targets to achieve. This has had the effect of driving up water charges at a greater rate than many authorities would have liked, as well as bringing about dramatic gains in efficiency and productivity.

The quirky current cost-accounting methods applied throughout the nationalized industries have further increased the controversy about the meaning of these targets and the level of charges necessary to achieve them.

This year Thames Water is likely to be joined by other authorities in its now annual row with the Government over water charges.

Growing concern among the authorities about the level of increases in charges comes at a time when the debate on other methods of charging is coming to a head. An eight-man joint water industry and Department of the Environment working party is to report on the feasibility of metering household supplies this year.

But recent advances in technology, pressure on water resources during the 1984 drought, and more accurate methods of assessing the potential savings, have combined to challenge this view.

Advances in technology have made remote meter reading possible, reducing the need for vastly increased staffing levels to cope with this method of charging. It has also made possible the application of more sophisticated tariffs.

But will the potential savings be enough to justify the huge investment – possibly as much as £600 million – in universal metering?

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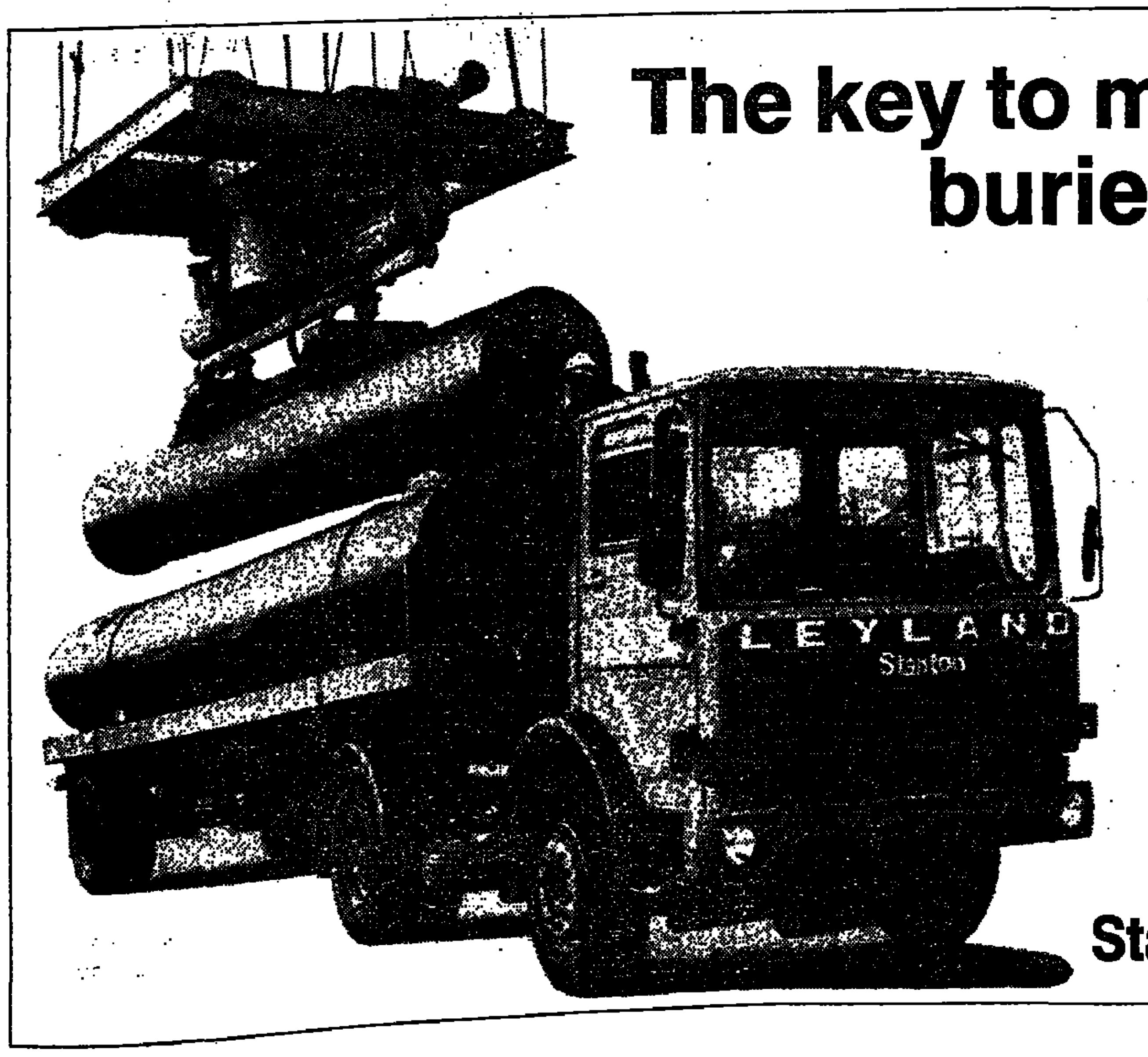

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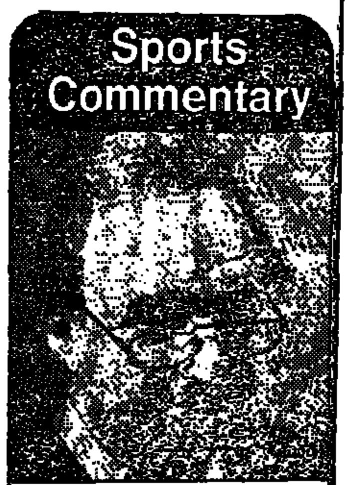


Sports Commentary

David Miller

The nice young Brough Scott look-alike whom the BBC have introduced as presenter of *Sportsnight* was talking to Frank Bruno about, as all commentators and performers do sooner or later these days, pressure. The new European heavyweight boxing champion acknowledged its existence but implied that if the money was good you tended not to notice the pressure. That tells us a lot about boxing.

Bruno's protracted progression from his Kathmandu in the East End of London towards the distant Himalayan summit of the world title has seen a fascinating study of base-camp psychology: yet another tale of the adroit manoeuvring of a big man with a big punch up the safe, anonymous preliminary slopes in the hope that, having brought him with the help of shrewd matchmaking to within sight of the peak, if his backers hang around long enough on the South Col, a sunny day will eventually occur which permits a quick dash to the top for one glorious and unrepeatable moment.

Undoubtedly, Bruno is a likeable man who can dismiss moderate opposition with style. Of 26 wins in 27 bouts, 25 have finished inside the distance. Yet it would not be exaggerating to say that of Bruno's elected opponents so far none have been of the highest quality. The game is as much about money as about boxing and an impressive record, with only one blemish against Bonecrusher Smith, has been established for Bruno on foundations which do not bear much scrutiny.

Bruno packs no defensive punch

Bruno can punch with venom, as that static Swedish version of Carnera swiftly discovered on Tuesday. But in the five bouts of his I have seen, Bruno has never shown the defensive qualities which go with removing world titles from redoubtable opponents. He is not, in terms of intellectual ring craft, a Tunney or Carpentier. Wait a moment. Bruno's backers will tell you, there are not currently too many redoubtable opponents in the heavy division, and thus is there that rare chance of a British champion.

I am an advocate of boxing and someone of Bruno's integrity would be an excellent advertisement for the sport. But every time an opponent attacks him, as Jumbo Cummings did, as Bonecrusher Smith briefly did in two earlier rounds and then devastatingly in the last, and as even he pathetic Eklund did momentarily in the second round, we see the whites of Bruno's upper teeth in an expression of anxiety asking wher to go.

As Henry Cooper has said, a mobile opponent would bother rumo. Terry Lawless says his man is *still* learning. Yet even if Bruno's handlers wait a year for the right opening in the confused and moest state of the three available world titles – which it is in their interest to do – I doubt if Bruno can learn those defensive qualities which are instinctive.

Scholar attracts bad publicity

It would seem that Irving Scholar, one of the chairmen of the five-club cartel who were discussing the merits of a breakaway from the Football League last weekend, has for the moment "blown" the prospect of any imminent action by his disclosures to the Press. Certainly no "super league" is likely to be proposed for next season.

The essence of a coup is not only power but confidentiality. The other four chairmen – Everton, Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal – now doubt what they can safely discuss with Mr Scholar in private. A "super league" is necessary, and the sooner the better, before the market has collapsed completely. Publicity merely unites the opposition. The FA, of course, would readily sanction such a reduced first division because it would facilitate, if nothing else, the preparation of the England team.

It is to be hoped that one habit the England players can learn without training is disciplined behaviour. A total of £430 fines and costs should persuade Terry Fenwick, of Queen's Park Rangers, that provocative gestures against Newcastle were an expensive folly. Fines may not be as profitable a source of income for the FA as television but are equally important.

GOLF: PROFESSIONALS TRAIL THE UNEXPECTED AMATEUR LEADER

Fletcher no chip off the old block

By John Hennessy

The Burberry Women's British Open championship fulfilled the first criterion of an important golf event at Moor Park yesterday. It threw up a first round leader from an entirely unexpected quarter.

She was Louisa Fletcher, an amateur player, aged 22, from Trentham Park, Stoke-on-Trent, whose 73 over the 6,265 yard composite course was the only round under par among the 107 competitors. Mrs Fletcher leads by one stroke from Jane Forrest (Lancashire), Dale Reid (Scotland), Debbie Dowling (Surrey) and Lori Castillo (United States), all professionals with par rounds of 74. One stroke further behind is a group including Betsy King, a leading figure on the United States circuits, and Laura Davies who stand at the top of the European money list.

For most players it was a day of nightmare, as the scores soared away on a strong wind, accompanied by squalls of driving rain, conditions that must at least have gladdened the heart of the sponsors. Control is difficult enough at the best of times on Moor Park's titled fairways and greens, without these added elements.

Nor did it seem that Miss Fletcher would fare any better than the rest to begin with. An attack of nerves on the first tee did not inhibit her from driving a long way down the first fairway but, a defensive second, with six iron, to avoid the bunkers went through the green. A fluffed chip from there on a bare lie carried her to a six, two over par.

Thereafter she put away childish things. Her only deviations from par now were in the right direction, with two good woods onto the third and sixth greens, both par five, and an eight foot putt from a little five iron at the 13th.

The 18th offered a threat both to her score and domestic harmony for she putted up 15 feet short on the insistence of her caddying father when she would have preferred to chip. The argument that then erupted "could have been the end of something good" she said afterwards. But she controlled the fires within, nervelessly holed the putt and the Fletcher household was at peace again.

First round scores

British or Irish unless stated: 73: L Fletcher (amateur). 74: J Forrest, L Castillo (US), D Reid, D Dowling. 75: B King (US), L Davies, A Nicholas, M Wennersten (Swe). 76: J Thornhill (amateur), J Connachan. 77: T Fernando (Sri Lanka), V Saunders, M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), L Garbecz (US), V Marvin, C Dibnah (Aus), L Neumann (Swe), P Grice. 78: P Conley (US), B Helbig (WG), B New, S Young, B Robertson (amateur), B Thomas (US), S Moon (US), J Collingham (amateur). 79: K Douglas, M McKenna (amateur), S Allison, M Scobling, M Thomson, M Boozer (US). 80: C Sharp (amateur), C Griffiths, D Barnard, B Lewis, J Lee Smith, D Christison (amateur), F Dassu (It), M Burton. Other scores included: 81: M Spencer-Devlin (US). 82: G Stewart, B Huke, C Waite.

If looks could kill: Cathy Panton watches her wayward tee shot (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Faldo must learn

From Mitchell Platts, Saint-Nom-la Bretêche

Nick Price, of South Africa, scored a *six-under-par 66 for the* first-round lead in the Lancome Trophy on the Saint-Nom-la-Bretêche course here yesterday. Then he insisted that Nick Faldo might soon start winning again.

Price is a disciple of the golf instructor, David Leadbetter, from whom Faldo is reveiving lessons with a view to improving his swing. But the British player has not won for 17 months.

"When I first went to see David in 1982 he told me that it would take five year to reach a point where I was completely satisfied with my game," Price said. "I believe that I am getting to such a situation.

"What Nick must do is accept that it takes time. He must keep seeing David, keep learning. There are signs that his swing is improving for the better – he is no longer suspect at the top and I believe he will eventually benefit enormously from the work he is now doing."

Price came close to winning the Open at Troon in 1982 – he was overtaken at the eleventh hour by Tom Watson – but he won the *World Series of Golf* at Akron, Ohio, in 1983. He has his sights set on the Lamcôme Trophy and he moved four shots ahead of Mark James and Des Smyth with the assistance of four birdies and a morvellous eagle three at the 7th (504 yards), where he hit a one-iron to six feet.

Fuzzy Zoeller and Andy North, the 1984 and 1985 US Open champions, each took 71. But Severiano Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle, the 1984 and 1985 Open champions, had 74 and 75 respectively.

Ballesteros missed several short putts. Lyle, the defending champion, said: "I am not playing well but I must keep going until it comes right."

First round: (British unless stated): 66: N Price (SA); 70: D Smyth (Ire), M James; 71: F Zoeller (US), A North (US), T Johnstone (Zim), D Feherty, M McLean; 72: I Woosnam, D J Russell, R Rafferty, M Piñero (Sp), J Cañizares; 73: H Clark, G Brand jun, S Bennett, J O'Leary (Ire), M Tapia (Fr), T C Chen (Tai); 74: S Ballesteros (Sp), C O'Connor jun, (Ire), E Darcy (Ire), E Duscart (Fr); 75: A Lyle, G Brand, S Torrance, C Mason; 76: D Watson (SA); 77: P Way, B Pascassio (Fr).

Robertson's life ban

David Robertson has been disqualified for life from membership of the PGA European tour following his disqualification from the qualifying rounds of the Open championship at Prince's in July for allegedly incorrectly replacing his ball on the green.

The penalty is more severe than the one originally recommended in August, when it was proposed that Robertson *should* be suspended from membership for 20 years and fined £5,000. Robertson was not present at yesterday's appeal hearing, nor was he legally represented.

The European tour statement said: "Mr Robertson was entitled to a re-hearing but he decided not to attend the appeal, nor did he choose to have legal representation. The hearing proceeded in his absence and considered information which had previously been placed before the tournament committee

Robertson

FOOTBALL: JOY FOR ITALY, MISERY FOR FRANCE

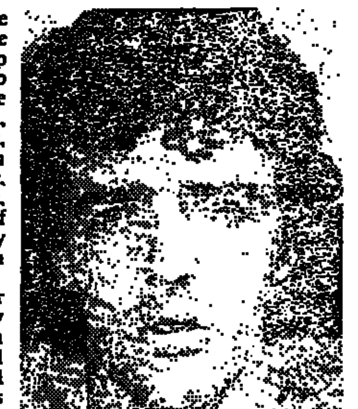
Bangor ready for all-comers

Bangor City, a team of part-time players, go into today's draw for the second round of the European Cup Winner's Cup having made club history. It is the first time they have progressed so far in the competition, and John Mahoney, their managers, is not too bothered about whom they are paired with next. Bangor, who play in the Multipart league, drew 0-0 with **Fredrikstad**, of Norway, to go through on the away goals rule after their 1-1 draw in Norway a fortnight ago.

While there was joy for Bangor there was gloom for **Celtic**. They went out of the same competition after losing 2-1 to **Atletico Madrid** in a game played behind closed doors at Parkhead, the club's punishment imposed by UEFA for last season's crowd trouble against Rapid Vienna. David Hay their manager, admitted: "The lack of atomsphere affected the players and they just never got going."

Irish interest also ended in the Cup Winners' Cup. **Glentoran** went out 3-2 on aggregate to **Fram Reykjavik**, despite winning 1-0 in Belfast, while **Galway** were beaten 3-2 at home, and 4-2 on aggregate by **Lyngby**, of Denmark.

In the European Cup, **Aberdeen** cruised through, beating **Akranes**, of Iceland, 4-1, and 7-2 on aggregate, although Alex Ferguson, that manager admitted: "We only played well for 20 minutes in the second half." Frank McGarvey, the former Celtic forward scored twice in extra time to give St Mirren a 3-1 UEFA



McGarvey: in the goals

Cup victory over Slavia Prague, of Czechoslovakia.

Bohemians, the League of Ireland club, rediscovered their pride by battling to a 2-2 draw with **Dundee United** in the UEFA Cup at Tannadice, after a 5-2 defeat in the first leg. Billy Young their manager, was overjoyed at the way his side hit back after being two goals down.

Rangers went out 2-1 on aggregate to **Athletico Osasuna** after losing 2-0 in Spain, while **Coleraine**, of Northern Ireland, were thrashed 5-0 and 6-1 on aggregate by **Lokomotiv Leipzig** in East Germany. **Shamrock Rovers** were beaten 3-1 in the European Cup by the stylish Hungarians **Honved**, in Dublin (aggregate 5-1), and **Linfield** also went out, going down 2-1 to **Servette** in Geneva to lose 4-3 on aggregate.

The champagne football which earned France the European championship in 1984 unexpectedly ran dry as the country's leading clubs fell in the first round of the three club competitions. **Bordeaux** went out to **Fenerbahce**, of Istanbul, in the European Cup. **Monaco** suffered a similar fate against Romania's **Universitatea Craiova**, of Romania, in the Cup Winner's Cup and **Metz** and **Auxerre** came to grief in the UEFA Cup. Of France's five representatives, only **Nantes** survived and that was against the lowly **Valur**, of Iceland, in the UEFA competition.

In contrast, Italy's six-strong contingent all did the world champions proud and **Juventus**, the holders league champions, enjoyed an untroubled path into the second round of the European Cup. Juventus swamped **Jeunusse d'Esch** 4-1 behind closed doors in Turin to win 9-1 overall, while **Verona** won 2-1 against **PAOK Salonika** in Greece for a 5-2 aggregate victory.

Sampdoria overcame **Larissa**, of Greece (aggregate 2-1) in the Cup Winners' Cup in Genoa, while Milan rivals AC and **Internazionale**, and **Torino** all enjoyed a successful night in the UEFA Cup, against **Auxerre** (Fr), **Gallen** (Swiss) and **Panathinaikos** respectively.

RESULTS FROM WEDNESDAY

EUROPEAN CUP: First round, second leg: Aberdeen 4, Akranes 1 (agg 7-2); Servette 2, Linfield 1 (agg 4-3); Shamrock Rovers 1, Honved 3 (agg 1-5); Barcelona 0, Sparta Prague 1 (agg 2-2: Barcelona win on away goals); Omonia Nicosia 5, Ajax Rabat (Malta) 0 (agg 10-0); Trakia Plovdiv (Bul) 1, Goteborg 2 (agg 3-5); Austria Vienna 2, Dynamo Berlin 1 (agg 4-1); Fenerbahce (Tur) 0, Bordeaux 0 (agg 3-2); Juventus 4, Jeunesse d'Esch 1 (agg 9-1): Valerengens (Nor) 0, Zenit Leningrad 2 (agg 0-4); Steaua Bucharest 4, BK Vejle (Den) 1 (agg 5-2); Sarajevo 1, Lahti (Fin) 0 (agg 2-4); Salonika (Gr) 1, Verona 2 (agg 2-5); Bayern Munich 4, Gornik Zabrze (Pol) 1 (agg 6-2); Ajax 0, Porto 0 (agg 0-2).

CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, second leg: Bangor City 0, Fredriksad 0 (agg 1-1: Bangor win on away goals); Celtic 1, Atletico Madrid 2 (agg 2-3); Glentoran 1, KR Reykjavik 0 (agg 2-3); Dynamo Dresden 2, CS Bruges 1 (agg 4-4: Dresden win on away goals); Universitatea Craiova (Rom) 3, Monaco 0 (agg 3-2); Tatabanyai Banyasz (Hun) 1, Rapid Vienna 1 (agg 1-6); Widzew Lodz 2, Galatasaray (Tur) 1 (agg 2-2); Flamurtari Vlora (Alb) 1, Helsinki 2 (agg 3-5); Dynamo Kiev 4, Utrecht 1 (agg 5-3); Galway 2, Lynby (Den) 3 (agg 2-4); Bayer Uerdingen (WG) 9, Zurrieq (Malta 0 (agg 12-0); Aarau (Switz) 2, Red Star Belgrade 2 (agg 2-4); Sampdoria 1, Larissa (Gr) 0 (agg 2-1); Dukla Prague 4, AEL Limassol (Cyprus) 0 (agg 6-2); Red Boys Differdange (Lux) 0; AIK Stockholm 5 (agg 0-13).

UEFA CUP: First round, second leg: Dundee United 2, Bohemians 2 (agg 7-4); Lokomotiv Leipzig 5, Coleraine 0 (agg 6-1); St Mirren 3, Slavia Prague 0 (aet: 3-1); Osasuna Pamplona 2, Rangers 0 (agg 2-1); Hamburg 2, Sparta Rotterdam 0 (aet: agg 2-2: Sparta won on penalties); Real Madrid 5, AEK Athens 0 (agg 5-1); AC Milan 3, Auxerre 0 (agg 4-3); Hamrun Spartans (Malta) 0, Dynamo Tirana (Alb) 0 (agg 0-1); TPS Turku (Fin) 1, Spartak Moscow 3 (agg 1-4); Lech Poznan 0, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2 (agg 1-3); Viking (Nor) 1, Legia Warsaw 1 (agg 1-4); Dnepropetrovsk (USSR) 2, Wismut Ave (EG) 1 (agg 5-2); Aarhaus (Den) 0, Waregem (Bel) 1 (agg 2-6); Vardar Skopje (Yug) 1, Dynamo Buchaest 0 (agg 2-2; Vardar win on away goals); Lokomotiv Sofia 4, Apoel Nicosia 2 (aet: agg 6-4); Partizan Belgrade 4, Portimonense (Por) 0 (agg 4-1); Bohemians Prague 4, Raba Eto Gyor (Hun) 1 (aet: agg 5-4); PSV Eindhoven 4, Avenir Beggen (Lux) 0 (agg 6-0); Innsbruck 1, Liege 3 (agg 1-4); Sporting Gijon 1, Cologne 2 (agg 1-2); Feyenoord 2, Sporting Lisbon 1 (agg 3-5); Hammarby (Swe) 4, Blagoevrad (Bul) 0 (agg 7-1); Malmo 3, Videoton 2 (agg 3-3: Videoton win on away goals); Panathinaikos 1, Torino 1 (agg 2-3); Brugge 3, Boavista 1 (agg 6-5); Werder Bremen 3, Chernomorets Odessa 2 (agg 4-4: Odessa win on away goals); St Gallen (Switz) 0, Internazionale 0 (agg 1-5); Nantes 3, Valur Reykjavik (Ice) 0 (agg 4-2); Metz 2, Hadjuk Split 2 (agg 3-7).

FIRST DIVISION: Leicester City 4, Oxford United 4.

THIRD DIVISION: Derby County 5, Swansea City 1; Lincoln City 3, Bournemouth 2, Reading 4, Chesterfield 2.

FOURTH DIVISION: Cambridge United 2, Preston North End 0; Chester City 1, Mansfield Town 0; Hereford United 4, Aldershot 1.

FULL MEMBERS' CUP: Brighton and Hove Albion 1, West Bromwich Albion 2; Chelsea 3, Portsmouth 0; Millwall 2, Stoke City 2.

FA CUP: Second qualifying round replays: Basingstoke 1, Totton 2; VS Rugby 3, Hitchin 1;

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division south: Feltham 2, Petersfield 2; Ruislip Manor 3, Woking 0.

SCREEN SPORT SUPER CUP: Everton 1, Norwich City 0; Tottenham Hotspur 2, Southampton 1.

GOLA LEAGUE: Cheltenham 0, Weymouth 1; Kettering 2, Kidderminster 2.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Gateshead 2, Matlock 2; Oswestry 2, South Liverpool 1; Worksop 2, Buxton 2.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Alvechurch 2, Sutton Coldfield 1; King's Lynn 0, Grantham 1; Mile Oak 2, Leicester 2; RS Southampton 1, Fareham 2; Rushden 0, Chelmsford 3; Tonbridge 2, Gravesend 1.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 3, Nottingham Forest 4; Barnsley 3, Blackburn 1; Hull 4, Huddersfield 1; Sheffield U 1, Newcastle 0, Wigan 0, Manchester City 1. Second division: Bolton 4, Stoke 0; Bradford 1, Rotherham 2; Grimsby 1, Middlesbrough 0; Notts County 4, Burnley 2; Port Vale 0, Oldham 0.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Norwich 3, Swindon 2; Oxford United 1, Luton 1.

Bonetti injured

Peter Bonetti, who celebrated his 44th birthday by playing for Chelsea reserves against Arsenal in a Football Combination match last week, has broken his wrist

● Les Currell, Harrow Borough's goalkeeper, makes his 400th first team appearance for the Vauxhall-Opel League club when they face Carshalton Athletic tomorrow.

Mr David O'Connell

In an agency report in *The Times* of September 21 it was stated that the Department of Trade and the police were investigating the affairs of Aldershot Football Club during a six month period when Mr David O'Connell was chairman. We accept that the investigation is not concerned with that period or with Mr O'Connell, and that police investigations have concluded without action being taken. We apologise to Mr O'Connell for the incorrect report.

Fisher hope to cash in

Non-League football
by Paul Newman

Fisher Athletic, the enterprising Southern League club from the London docklands, have launched an extensive advertising campaign this week in the hope of attracting Charlton Athletic supporters who are unhappy with their club's decision to share Crystal Palace's ground.

Charlton face Sunderland in their first home match at Selhurst Park tomorrow, when Fisher entertain Chelmsford City in one of their most attractive fixtures of the season. Fisher, whose attendances have dropped this season to about 200, have paid for 39 advertisements for the match this week on LBC, the independent London radio station.

Tony Incenzo, Fisher's commercial manager, said yesterday: "We only need about 400 extra people to get our money back and we think that's quite possible. The fact that admission is only £1.20 could attract a lot of people, particularly families. We are especially hopeful of attracting disillusioned Charlton supporters. I went to their last match at the Valley and got the impression that a lot of people won't follow the team to Crystal Palace.

● Ernie Oliver, who has been caretaker-manager of Matlock Town since the first week of the season, has been given the job on a permanent basis. He succeeds Mick Wadsworth, who left the Multipart League club in order to become a full-time Football Associate coach.

● Brian Fidler, the former Gainsborough Trinity manager, has been appointed assistant to Neil Warnock at Burton Albion

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Record bid crowds in on Reading

Reading, of the third division, now one win away from equalling Tottenham Hotspur's record of 11 successive League victories from the start of the season, have denied they underestimated the attendance at Wednesday night's game with Chestefield.

Reading won the game 4-2 – victory No 10 – with three goals from Senior. The club returned an official attendance of 5,946, just under the 6,000 ground safety limit, although it had been reported that there were nearer 7,000 in the ground.

Mike Lewis, Reading's managing director, said: "There, is absolutely no way we defied the law. The total of 5,946 was the number of people who paid to come in on the night. There was no way of checking whether season ticket holders turned up or not or how many complimentary tickets there were."

Reading, in fact, reached agreement with Berkshire County Council on Wednesday to increase the gournd capacity to 7,500, but the change was not processed in time for the Chesterfield match.

However, the 7,500 limit will be in effect for Reading's game against Bolton Wanderers tomorrow, when the Elm Park Club aim to equal Tottenham's record. Manchester United, who also have 10 wins out of 10, are away to Luton Town.

Reading's capacity could be increased to 15,000 in time for the visit of Wolverhampton Wanderers on October 23, if the ground's terrace crush barriers pass tests being carried out next week. Last season Elm Park's capacity was 27,200.

In the Screen Sport Super Cup on Wednesday night the smallest crowd at White Hart Lane for 39 years, 11,549, saw **Tottenham Hotspur** beat **Southampton** 2-1. But Peter Shreeve, the Tottenham manager, was not too disappointed.

"People must look after their pocket money and be selective," he said. "Also some of our supporters told me at the weekend they would boycott the competition because they were upset we have been banned from Europe."

Lineker, the England forward, earned **Everton** their second win in the tournament by scoring the only goal against **Norwich City**.

In the first division, an 82nd-minute penalty by Lynex deprived **Oxford United** of a double over **Leicester City** this season, as the two struggling teams shared eight goals at Filbert Street.

In the Full Members' Cup, Crooks scored twice to give managerless **West Bromwich Albion** a 2-1 win at **Brighton and Hove Albion**, but the second division leaders **Portsmouth** lost 3-0 at **Chelsea**, for whom Hazard scored his first goal.

● David Johnson, the former Liverpool, Everton and Ipswich Town forwar, has joined Barrow of the Gola League.

Charlton home in

Charlton Athletic will train on Crystal Palace's Selhurst Park pitch today before playing their first "home" match there against Sunderland tomorrow. Charlton's manager, Lennie Lawrence, said: "It's difficult to say how the players will react, but at least we have five or six newcomers who didn't really have time to develop a sense of identity with the Valley."

SNOOKER

High-speed precision potting from White

By Sydney Friskin

Jimmy White won six frames in a row and at the interval led Neal Foulds 6-1 in their schedule 17-frame semi-final, of the Goya Matchroom Trophy tournament at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday. The running time for seven frames was 91 minutes for an average of 13 minutes a frame.

With machine-like precision, White won the first three frames in 33 minutes, making successive breaks of 59, 74 and 75; the clearance break of 42 by Foulds at the end of the second, being of no consequence.

Foulds restored some of his confidence in the fourth and fifth frames but lost both, unable in each case to withstand the cumulative powers of the left-handed White. Foulds led 49-45 in the fourth frame but White disposed of the colours in a row up to the pink. He also ended the fifth frame with a clearance break of 32, Foulds having earlier made an impressive break of 49.

Foulds conceded the sixth frame after White had compiled quick breaks of 36 and 38, but he played with growing assurance in the seventh which he won, despite White's break of 48, with a run on the colours up to the pink.

Dennis Taylor, who defeated John Parrott 5-1 in the last of the quarter-finals on Wednesday night, meets a tough adversary, Cliff Thorburn, in the second semi-final today. Expecting a long, hard match, Taylor said "I might announce myself as Dennis O'Grinder. Taylor beat Thorburn 10-2 in the final of the Rothmans Grand Prix tournament last season and also 13-5 in the quarter-finals of the world championship in Sheffield.

In between, Thorburn beat Taylor 5-3 in the Benson and Hedges Masters tournament at Wembley, an event in which Taylor has never won a match. "At least my record here is unbroken", he added. Thorburn, who had beaten Steve Duggan 5-2 said, "I look like a warrior when I am playing but I am really not."

SEMI-FINAL: J White leads N Foulds 6-1. Frame scores (White first): 75-47, 74-54, 89-20, 65-49, 63-54, 80-7, 49-71.

WEDNESDAY'S QUARTER-FINAL: Dennis Taylor bt J Parrott 5-1. Frame scores (Taylor first): 59-45, 70-2, 38-66, 86-7, 84-21, 98-4.

IN BRIEF

Doubt over Cowdell world bout

The world featherweight title bout between Pat Cowdell and Azumah Nelson, of Ghana, in Birmingham a week tomorrow, has run into problems because of the Mexican earthquakes.

British officials have been unable to contact the Mexico City offices of the World Boxing Council to confirm the bout officials and to supply them with the necessary air tickets.

Frank Warren, the promoter, said: "If we can't get in touch with these people, then the board would ask that we go ahead with all European officials, and I can't see Nelson's people agreeing to that, so this could threaten the fight."

HORSE TRIALS: Capt. Mark Phillips, riding Distinctive, and Virginia Holgate, on Murphy Himself, are equal first after the first day of dressage at the Chatsworth Audi event in Derbyshire.

OVERNIGHT RESULTS: (after first day of dressage): Equal 1, Distinctive (M Phillips), Murphy Himself (V Holgate), 53.50; equal 3, Running Bear (K Straker C Angier (C Barbe) 57; 5, Master Control (G Strachan) 57.5; 6, Charlie Brown IV (I Stark), 59.75.

RUGBY LEAGUE: The Lancashire County Cup final, between Warrington and Wigan, will be played on Sunday week, and the Yorkshire final, between Hull KR and Castleford, on October 27.

● Steve Halliwell, the Australian who has joined Leigh, will not be numbered among the club's overseas quota, since he was born in England of English parents.

HOCKEY: England's squad of 16 for the match against New Zealand at Feltham on Sunday, shows one change from the one chosen for the unofficial match against the New Zealanders tomorrow. Nick Gordon, the Army outside right, replaces Steven Batchelor, of Southgate.

SQUAD: I Taylor, (East Grinstead), J Hurst (St Albans), P Barber (Slough), P Bolland (York), D Craig (Southgate), J Potter (Hounslow), D Faulkner (Fareham), J Duthie (Southgate), K Bhaura (Hounslow), M Grimley (Brokelands), R Clift (Hounslow), J Shaw (Southgate), N Gordon (Army), N Hughes (Wakefield, captain), I Sherwani (Stone), R Leman (East Grinstead).

YACHTING: Lion New Zealand, the 78ft maxi skippered by Peter Blake, took the lead in the Whitbread Round the World race yesterday, as the fleet passed Gibraltar on the first leg to Cape Town.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Princess regrets tax burden on Olympic committee

By David Miller

Princess Anne, presiding at the British Olympic Association's annual general meeting yesterday at the Café Royal, made two pleas, directed respectively at the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, who was seated next to her.

She spoke of the need for all British sports whose individual independence was their strength, to pull together in the years between Olympic Games so as to offer more facilities, advice, training and education to young people, and she regretted the taxation burden which the BOA was obliged to pay.

Robert Watson, the honorary, treasurer, had previously drawn attention to the £336,000 tax, a unique imposition among worldwide national Olympic commitees, on an excess of income over expenditure of £1.38 million, that derived from the successful 1984 Games Appeal totalling £2.68 million. Yet twice as much money would be needed, some £2 million, to send teams to Calgary and Seoul, Mr Watson said.

Princess Anne an energetic president, who attended the Winter Games at Sarajevo and the Los Angeles Olympic Games; and spent much time with British competitors, stressed that sport was an increasing aspect of the nation's education: in team sports on how to live together, in individual sports on self expression.

She concluded her address by saying she hoped the IOC, when examining next October the bids to host the 1988 Games, would recognize that "the importance of the athletes, the village, and how they can perform at their best is of prime concern".

This was an unmistakable reference to the suitably self-contained facilities of Birmingham, for whose committee she is patron president. Denis Howell, chairman of the committee which will formally present details of their bid to the IOC in Lisbon on October 16 to 18, was invited to address the meeting.

He revealed that international marketing consultants had been appointed this week through whom it was hoped to double the 1985-86 campaign promotion fund of £¾ million from the Birmingham Council, so that the committee might "invite the world" to come and inspect the Birmingham facilities.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, in a short speech, said that it was important for the image of world sport to protect the value of the British sense of fair play; and that dependent on the size of the United Television rights contract – expected to be concluded last night in New York – the IOC would hope to be able to expand its subsidy to each national Olympic committee, for competing athletes: it had been six in Los Angeles. "I hope we may be able to pay all the village costs for athletes in 1988" he said.

SHOW JUMPING

Pyrah speeds to title in 10-horse jump-off

By Jenny MacArthur

Malcolm Pyrah, on his European team gold medal winning horse, Towerland Anglezarke, provided the spectators at the Park Farm arena in Nnorthwood, Middlesex, with a fitting climax to the three-day meeting when he won the £3,000 Everest Double Glazing chammpionship after a tense 10-horse jump-off.

Nick Skelton, on St. James, who won the competition for the last two years, took an early lead but their fast time was beaten first by Michael Whitaker, on Warren Point, the evenntual runners-up and then by Pyrah,k who fairly flew round the arena to record the winning time of 30.34 seconds.

Earlier the Hungarian-born Joe Turi, who gained British citizenship last week, won the North Face Scurry Stakes on Cecil Williams' Craven V. He will ride the 13-year-old gelding in the national classes at Wembley on Sunday in the hope of qualifying to compete in the Horse of the Year Show for the rest of the week.

Turi, now based at Epping in Essex, first came to England in 1973 with the Hungarian trick riders who were competing at Wembley. On the way back to the boat at Dover the lorry was held up at some traffic lights. Turi who had been thinking of defecting for some time, saw his chance and leapt off the back of the lorry.

Liz Edgar took second place in the Scurry Stakes on the Countess of Inchcape's six-year-old Everest Rapier, who has jumped well throughout the three-day meeting. They finished just ahead of Nick Toms on his good speed horse Napoleon Zero.

Everest Rapier has just missed qualifying for next week's Horse of the Year Show where Mrs Edgar's only ride, now that she has handed Everest Furry over to Geoff Luckett, will be Everest Forever.

Michael Whitaker continued his run of success at the show when he and the Next Team's Courtway, whose last outdoor show was at Wembley a year ago, produced the fastest round in the Northwood Stakes and claimed the £300 first prize.

Courtway's win was particularly rewarding for Whitaker because it suggests the Irish-bred mare, who goes to Wembley next week, has finally shaken off the effects of the virus which laid her low last winter and which has affected her form throughout the season.

Malcolm Pyrah, going last in the class, was the runner-up on Towerlands Firefox, although more than a second slower than the winner, and Alan Fazakerley, who rides in the quiet, sympathetic manner of his trainer John Whitaker, took third place on Jays Way.

North Face Scurry Stakes: 1, Craven V (J Turi) 34.46sec; 2, Everest Rapier (E Edgar) 34.62; 3, Napoleon Zero (N Toms) 35.22.

Northwood Stakes: 1, Courtway (M Whitaker) 42.01; 2, Towerlands Firefox (M Pyrah) 43.19; 3, Jays Way (A Fazakerley) 43.57.

The Park Farm Stakes: 1, Needle and Thread (J Womersley) 24.84; 2, Flirtation (F Faigent) 26.50; 3, Bolero (S Carlsson) 29.19.

Everest Double Glazing Championships: 1, Towerland Anglezark (M Pyrah) 0 in 30.34; 2, Warren Point (M Whitaker) 0 in 30.50; 3, Everest St James (N Skelton) 0 in 31.31.

VOLLEYBALL

Top boy in tough test

Malory, from south east London, and Newcastle (Staffs) arrived as the brightest new boys in the class this term (Paul Harrison writes). Malory stand top of the form, with three wins and one loss but Newcastle are among the dunces, with three defeats in a row.

Most promoted teams go straight back down. One of the few to make it in recent seasons are Redwood Lodge, who came up as Bristol Berni.

Malory and Newcastle are young, with their roots in schools volleyball, ad both are former winners of the Royal Bank junior cup (last season Newcastle beat Malory 3-0; the season before the result was reversed).

Much was expected from them in the first division. Malory's five-set victories over OBC Poole and Spark Crook Log are followed tomorrow by their toughest test, the visit to Bath to play Speedwell Rucanor, who have won ll three of their matches.

Behind Malory are Capital City Brixton and Polonia, who have won both their opening games.

HOCKEY

Dixon back for trials

Vickey Dixon has been recalled to the Great Britain trials starting today at the national sports centre, Cardiff (Joyce Whitehead writes). She was left out of the squad which lost 1 – 0 and drew 0 – 0 with The Netherlands in Gateshead and lost 4 – 1 to Australia in Glasgow last June, but has played herself back in a positive way. On England's tour of Australia last month she was named the player of the match in one of the five international matches.

With only a month to go before they play five internationals against The Netherlands, Great Britain are going through a difficult patch. Of the 21 invited to trials this weekend Julie Bannister and Barbara Hambly have withdrawn. They were both in the England team in Australia and cannot have more time off work. Joan Dobie and Linda Harris are out due to an operation and a knee injury.

TRIALISTS: K Brown, L Carr, M Cheetham, V Dixon, K Gordon, C Rule, G Brown, J Sixsmith, J Cook (England); W Frazer, S Henderson, M McLeod, A Ramsay, E Blair (Scotland); H Green, N Lewis, M Medlow, S Crowley, J Lovegrove, W Banks (Wales); E V McBride (Ulster).

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: First round second leg: Sporting Studentesc Bucharest (Rom) 4, Neuchâtel Xamax (Switz) 4 (Neuchtel won 7-4 on agg); Besiktas Istanbul (Tur) 0, Athletic Bilbao (Sp) 1 (Bilbao won 5-1 on agg).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich 3, Charlton 2.

SPANISH CUP: First round second leg: Celta Vigo 2, Coltiga 1 (4-1 on agg); Racing Santander 3, Torrelavega 0 (7-1); Real Zaragoza 3, Huesca 0 (5-2); Valencia 3, Gandia 0 (5-1); Hercules Alicante 1, Eldense 0 (4-0); Real Valladolid 5, Leonesa 0 (10-0); Sevilla 4, Cordoba 0 (10-2); Las Palmas 1, Toledo 0 (4-1); Español 7, Jupiter 1 (10-1); Real Sociedad 2, Amorebieta 0 (5-0); Cadiz 9, Mairena 0 (11-0).

CRICKET

HARARE: Young Australians 259 for 8 dec and 217 for 2 dec (A Courtice 59, R Kerr 68, D Jones 53 not out, G Bishop 41 not out). Zimbabwe 126 (D R Gilbert 7-43) and 285 (G Hick 154, D R Gilbert 6-75). Young Australians beat Zimbabwe by 65 runs.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Kansas City Royals 4, California Angels 0; Detroit Tigers 4, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Milwaukee Brewers 1, New York Yankees 0; Cleveland Indians 12, Seattle Mariners 2; Minnesota Twins 3, Chicago White Sox 1; Oakland Athletics 14, Texas Rangers 3; Postponed: Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles. National League: New York Mets 5, St Louis Cardinals 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 9, Atlanta Braves 3; San Diego Padres 5, Cincinnati Reds 4; Montreal Expos 3, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Philadelphia Phillies 3, Montreal Expos 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 9, Chicago Cubs 4; Houston Astros 7, San Francisco Giants 2.

RUGBY UNION

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE: London Welsh 19, Saracens 23.

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery 6, Glamorgan Wanderers 21; Bath 28, South Wales Police 18; Bristol 34, Weston-super-Mare 40; Coventry 18, Nottingham 17; Gloucester 27, Llanelli 12; Pontypool 23, Swansea 10; Pontypridd 3, Cardiff 32.

COUNTY MATCH: Buckinghamshire 8, Bedfordshire 6 (at Slough).

WILLIAM YOUNGER'S FLOODLIT COMPETITION: First round: Chelmsford 9, Brentwood 8 (at Thurrock).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final second leg: Coventry 46, Cradley Heath 32 (Coventry won 84-72 on agg).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Long Eaton 36, Ellesmere Port 42; Wimbledon 52, Edinburgh 26.

HOCKEY

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL: The Netherlands 3, New Zealand 1.

BADMINTON

NEWMARKET: Norwich Building Society Team Challenge: Men's singles: N Yates by A Goode 3-15, 15-3, 15-3; Women's singles: H Troke by J Sutton 11-2, 11-3.

BASKETBALL

BRITISH MASTERS: Plymouth Raiders 92 (Downey 33), Happy Eater Bracknell 97 (Conder 29); Hemel and Watford Royals 84 (Spaid 24), Walkers Crisps Leicester 95; (Meagher 28); Brixton Top Cats 61 (Brandon 34) CAD Tower Hamlets 81 (Nassum 41); McEwans Tyneside 84 (Ellis 21), OBS Sunderland 85 (Dykstra 34); ANC Liverpool 84 (Bona 34), Oldham Celtics 90 (Whittington 27); Swindon Rakers 102, Birmingham Bullets 97.

EUROPEAN CUP: (Men) First round first leg: Polycell Kingston Kings 93 (Bontrager 41, Davis 15), Maccabi Tel Aviv 112 (Jamchi 35, McGee 34).

KORAC CUP (Men): First round first leg: Sperrings Solent Stars 68 (Robinson 23), Standard Liège 78 (Quateo 25). Manchester Giants 83 (Brookins 40, Kennedy 21); Zaragoza (Sp) 90 (Riley 32, Vazquez 20); Urheilijat Uusikaupunki (Fin) 103, DTV Charlottenburg (WG) 95; Levski Spartak Sofia (Bul) 105, PAOK Salonika (Gr) 87; Regenerin Klagenfurt (Austria) 71, Racing Maes Pils (Bel) 103; Amicale Steinsel (Lux) 59, Cacaolat Granollers (Sp) 105; AB Contern (Lux) 83, Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 108; Panionios (Gr) 72, Ghent (Bel) 54.

AEK Athens 105, MAFC Budapest 107; Hapoel Holon (Isr) 74, Olympique Antibes (Fr) 82; Challans (Fr) 99, Spirale Liège (Bel) 94; Tarsus CS (Tur) 86, Berloni Turin (It) 83; Eczacibasi Istanbul (Tur) 86, Steiner-Optik Bayreuth (WG) 79; Super Cracks Werkendam (Neth) 73, Alava Vitoria (Sp) 88; UBV Tyrolia (Austria) 70, SSV Hagen (WG) 84. First round second leg: Hapoel Tel Aviv (Isr) 127, Keravnos Nicosia (Cyp) 58 (Hapoel won 267-96 on agg).

RONCHETTI CUP (Women): First round first leg: Pynnto Tampere (Fin) 65, Spartacus Budapest (Hun) 65; DBS Vienna 61, Lanerossi Vicenza (It) 79; Vasutas Pecs (Hun) 65, Vozdovac Belgrade (Yug) 87.

Sleza Wroclaw (Pol) 73, YMCA Helsinki (Fin) 59; Aix-en-Provence (Fr) 78, Apollon Salonika (Gr) 49; Slovan Bratislava (Cz) 74, Jedinstvo Tuzla (Yug) 64; Voinia Bucharest (Rom) 49, Iskra Delta Jezica (Yug) 96.

ARCHERY

SEOUL: World Championships: Positions after 144 arrows: Men's team: 1, South Korea 3,861 points; 2, United States 3,849; 3, Sweden 3,837. Men's individual: 1, R McKinney (US) 1,309 points; 2, T Matsushita (Japan) 1,304; 3, Koo Ja-Chong (S Kor) 1,301. Women's team: 1, USSR 3,911 points; 2, South Korea 3,902; 3, West Germany 3,866. Women's individual: 1, Kim Jin-Ho (S Kor) 1,324 points; 2, I Soldatova (USSR) 1,318; 3, L Arzhannikova (USSR) 1,309.

TENNIS

ST LOUIS: Seiko Tournament: Quarter-finals: (US unless stated) A Krickstein bt K Flach 6-3, 6-4; G Mayer bt A Gomez (Ec) 7-6, 2-6, 6-1.

FORT LAUDERDALE: Fort Lauderdale Classic: Second round: (US unless stated) M Torres bt V Nelson 6-1, 6-1; T Phelps bt H Kelesi (Can) 6-4, 6-3.

BOXING

ATLANTIC CITY: Lightweight (12 rounds): Edwin Curet bt Gary Williams rsc 8th.

GOLF

NAGOYA, Japan: Tokai Classic: First round: (All Japanese) 66: N Ozaki. 68: S Kanai, S Fujiki.

Skelton on top

Nick Skelton comfortably headed the British Show Jumping Associations rankings list for the 12 month period ending on August 31. The Warwickshire rider totalled 2,681 points – well clear of the Yorkshireman, John Whitaker (1,944). Whitaker just pipped his brother Michael (1,908) with Malcolm Pyrah (1,759) in fourth place. Next best was Robert Smith (934).

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RACING: CANDY KEEPS JOCKEY CLUB CUP IN THE FAMILY WITH 25-1 CHANCE TALE QUALE

Fish 'n' Chips wets Piggott's appetite

By Michael Seely

Lester Piggot will attempt to win his first-ever Cambridgeshire on Fish'n'Chips at Newmarket tomorrow. Making his final appearance in the first leg of the autumn double, the 11 times champion jockey has chosen to partner Luca Cumani's recent five lengths winner at Ascot.

"The omens aren't exactly favourable," said the Newmarket trainer. "Lester's never won it and a favourite hasn't been successful since Prince de Galles. It can't have been easy choosing between him and Capricorn Son. But Lester generally chooses the horse he knows."

Fish'n'Chips has to shoulder 9st 7lb as he attempts to become the highest weighted three-year old to win the race. And Joe Mercer, the man on board Cumani's previous record breaker, Century City in 1982, now takes over on Capricorn Son. Fish'n'Chips is the new favourite at 8-1 with Ladbrokes.

Bold and Beautiful, Mr Abdulla's new purchase, is second choice in the market together with Tremblant. Capricorn Son is generally on offer at 14-1.

The Indian summer broke with a vengeance as the rain lashed down on the Heath. And Piggott proceeded to show us exactly what we will be missing next season by giving vintage performances on Perkin Warbeck and Cyrano de Bergerac.

The maestro was seen at his most forceful when persuading Perking Warbeck to win his sixth race in succession by beating Lundylux and Kirmann in the Choke Jade Stakes. Ten times Piggott brought his legendary whip with flourish down on the three-year old's quarters in the last two furlongs and Perkin Warbeck responded gamely to win by a length and a half. Sheikh Mohammad's Vaguely Noble colt will now be retired for the year. "I hope he'll make up into a group horse next season", Cumani said.

If Piggott's effort on Perkin Warbeck was a typical example of his determination then his patience on Cyrano de Bergerac when making up four lengths in the last furlong the Bloodstock and General Insurance Stakes was an almost incredible exhibition of his Judgement of pace. The punters had decided correctly that the race was a match between Tarib and the eventual winner. But it looked long odds on the second favourite as Tony Murray sent Tarib clear of the pace making Dublin Lad.

"Lester said he was never worried at any stage" said William Hastings-Bass, the winning trainer afterwards. "But you could have fooled me."

The extraordinary story of High Line, formerly a high-class stayer and nowadays a successful stallion, continued when Tale Quale gave Henry Candy his sixth victory in the Jockey Club Cup. High Line, himself, won the two mile race in the three years between 1969 and 71. His sons, Nicholas Bill and Centroline, were also successful in 1979 and 81, all six victories being gained in the well known Barnett colours.

Cyrano de Bergerac (right) overhauls Tarib at Newmarket (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Despite his starting price of 25-1, it transpired that Tale Quale was not entirely unfanced after Tony Ives had brought the three-year old home six lengths clear of last year's winner Old Country. "He's like all the family and is improving with age," said Candy. "He should have won at Thirsk last time out, but John Matthias said he was stopped at least twice in his run. I hope to run Tale Quale in the Cup races next year." The stewards held a routine inquiry into the winner's dramatic improvement in form, but accepted Candy's explanation.

Backers started the day on the right note when Holbrooke Sutton, one of three co-favourites of the EBF Alington Stakes, made an impressive debute in the hands of Walter Swinburn. Prior to Tale Quale's shock win, there was another surprise result when the 33-1 victory of Coincidental in the Bassenthwaite Handicap gave Mick Lambert, the Yorkshire trainer, handsome consolation for the three-year old's two previus narrow defeats on the track this season. The punters went home happy after Steve Cathen had won the Exning Handicap on the 9-2 favourite, Henry the Lion for Henry Cecil.

Cecil now needs three more winners to equal his 1979 record total of 128 in a year.

Golden Act filly top of the bill

Bloodstock Sales by a Special Correspondent

Arab buyers were again at the forefront of business on the third day of the Newmarket Highflyer Yearling Sales with their agent Anthony Penfold, a busy bidder. He took the morning's top price when paying 200,000 gns for a daughter of the Kentucky Derby third Golden Act.

Penfold was seated beside his Arab client Fahad Salman and trainer Paul Cole when outbidding David Minton of the Curragh Bloodstock Agency to acquire this chestnut. Another interested bidder for this yearling was Henry Cecil. This filly is half sister to the Italian group three winner Shamstar.

Penfold bought another five lots during the morning including a half brother to those useful performers Lemhill and Luna Bid for which he gave 70,000 gns. This time, Sir Mark Prescott, with owner Brian Haggas, was under bidder.

Sheikh Mohammed's Darley Stud Management continued their spending spree when giving 185,000 gns for a bay colt by Chief Singer's sire, Ballad Rock. This youngster is half brother to useful two-year-old filly Lucayan Princess.

The Sheik's brother Hamdan acquired a Northern Baby filly for 135,000 gns through one of his trainers, John Benstead. This bay filly's dam, Flying Bid, is sister to the smart 1981 French two-year-old Maelstrom Lake, who scored his most notable success in the Prix Robert Papin.

Charles St. George, who gained his biggest victory of the season with Embla in Wednesday's Cheveley Park Stakes paid a 120,000 gns for a son of High Top.

Truely Nureyev to take winning step

By Mandarin

Michael Stoute's promising colt Truely Nureyev can pay his Doncaster conqueror Sure Blade a handsome compliment by openening his account in today's Somerville Tattersall Stakes at Newmarket.

Barry Hills, the Lambourn trainer, has already announced that the Dewhurst Stakes, at the next Newmarket meeing, will be the final appearance of the season for his 2,000 Guineas hope, Sure Blade, on his latest outing had Truely Nureyev one and a half lengths back in third place in the Laurent Perrier Champagne Stakes.

Sure Blade won that group two race decisively, but in a slowly run contest Truely Nureyev, ridden by Lester Piggott, was noted putting in some strong work in the closing stages and he should improve.

Previously this imposing chestnut colt failed by a neck to catch Stage Hand in a well-contested maiden event on the Newmarket July course. Back in sixth place that day was Picatrix, who twice since has broken the Brighton course record for two-year-olds.

The West Ilsley-trained Janiski held on gallantly to beat the much vaunted Danishgar, Truely Nureyev's stable companion, by half a length in a seven-furlong Doncaster maiden and should make up into a decent three-year-old, and Lady Beaverbrook's son of Niniski has to concede 8lb to my selection which my prove the decisive factor. Jeremy Hindley' Huntingdale made a pleasing debut at York, but I nap Truely Nureyev to make it third time lucky.

Stoute should also be on the mark in the second division of the Kala Dancer Westley Maiden Stakes in which he saddles the Sheikh Mohammed owned **Shafy**, who showed considerable promise on his first racecourse appearance when beaten in a three-way photo finish behind Town Jester and Lance.

The first division of this event may go to Dick Hern's newcomer, **Local Silver**, a half-brother to Local Suitor, although two local runners, Top Guest and Weshaam, already with some racing experience under their belt, will seriously test the Berkshire candidate.

Guy Harwood, the Pulborough trainer, is making up for lost time with a recent spate of winners after his stable had been virus-stricken during the summer. He, and his stable jockey, Greville Starkey, look set for a double with Solamente in the Bentinck Stakes and Effigy, who contests the Tolly Cobbold Handicap.

Solamente showed he was a promising young stayer in the making when romping home by five lengths at Catterick Bridge recently, while Effigy was not disgraced when chasing home the Queen's Insular in an apprentice race at Ascot a week ago.

Charlie Nelson, the Upper Lambourn trainer, has not had the best of luck this term, but **Double Schwartz**, runner-up to Committed at Phoenix Park last month, can help to redress the balance in the five-furlong Rous Stakes.

Haydock Park presents a marathon programme with nine races and 153 runners, but it should pay to follow th Newmarket trainer Luca Cumani, who has a bright chance of capturing three of the events with **Star Above** (2.15), **Leon** (3.15) and **Summer's Darling** (4.15).

NEWMARKET

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(Televised: 2.35, 3.10, 3.40, 4.10)

Going: good

Draw advantage: none

2.0 BENTINCK STAKES (3-y-o: £2,805: 1m 6f) (10 runners)

101	1	FOGAR (S Oshea) D Murray Smith 9-5	S Cauthen	6
103	012	MISRULE (T Holland-Martin) D Arbuthnot 9-0	P Cook	7
104	21	SOLAMENTE (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-13	G Starkey	8
112	040	MIDNIGHT OASIS (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	1
113	04	MISHRIF (B) (Prince A A Faisal) G Harwood 8-11	A Murray	10
114		SKYLARK WONDER (A Hunt) D Elsworth 8-11	D Brown	3
115	00000	TAB-A-JAD (A Moralee) D Elsworth 8-11	W R Swinburn	9
118	040030	ALSIBA (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-8	B Rouse	5
119	0-00032	AMAZING ELEGANCE (B) (J Mabee) G Huffer 8-8	G Carter 5	4
120	000300	KUSHKA (B) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-8	Pat Eddery	2

1984: Troyenne 8-8 Pat Eddery (14-1 G Wragg 12 ran)

2 Solamente, 11-4 Fogar, 4 Misrule, 6 Mishrif, 8 Alsiba, 10 Amazing Elegance, 14 others.

FORM: FOGAR (8-11) beat MISRULE (9-4) 3l at Lingfield (1m 4f, £2432, firm, Sep 17, 7 ran). Earlier MISRULE (9-0) beat Regent's Fawn (8-11) 1½l at Bath (1m 3f, £1182, soft, Sep 4, 14 ran). SOLAMENTE (9-0) beat Farapour (9-0) 5l with MIDNIGHT OASIS (9-0) 9½l away 5th, Catterick (1m 7f, £822, good to firm, Sep 21, 10 ran). MISHRIF (8-8) 4¾l 4th to Armourer (8-8) at Brighton (1m 4f, £822, firm, Sep 18, 5 ran). AMAZING ELEGANCE (8-8) 3l 2nd to Dan Marino (9-0) at Yarmouth (1m 6f, £1074, good to firm, Sep 17, 6 ran).
selection: SOLAMENTE

Newmarket selections

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2.0 Solamente. 2.35 Local Silver. 3.10 TRUELY NUREYEV (nap). 3.40 Effigy. 4.10 Double Schwartz. 4.40 Shafy.

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2.0 Amazing Elegance. 2.35 Verdant Boy. 3.10 Truely Nureyev. 3.40 High Tension. 4.10 Kieseritsky. 4.40 Shafy.

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3.10 Truely Nureyev. 3.40 Call Again.

2.35 KALA DANCER WESTLEY MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £4,347: 7f) (27)

201		ASH JIM BOY (G Curzon) R Akehurst 9-0	G Baxter	20
202	0	ADMIRALS ALL (Mrs D Clifton) J Winter 9-0	G Starkey	17
203		ALMAARAD (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0	B Rouse	26
204	0	ARROW EXPRESS (Pioneer Bloodstock Farm) R Armstrong 9-0	G Sexton	8
206	0	BLUE BRILLIANT (A Shead) B Hills 9-0	B Thomson	1
208		COMICAL LAD (T Ramsden) I Balley 9-0	A Bond	6
209		CROMWELL PARK (G Mills) M Ryan 9-0	P Robinson	21
212	23	DOGMATIC (A Samuel) R Houghton 9-0	S Cauthen	11
213	042	DUFF (Miss V Hermon-Hodge) D Elsworth 9-0	B Procter	22
214		EATON SQUARE (Lord Howard de Walden) P Walwyn 9-0	J Mercer	15
216		FULL SPEED AHEAD (R Smyly) R Smyly 9-0	R Cochrane	3
217		HOROWITZ (C St George) L Cumani 9-0	P Hamblett	7
220		LAW COURT (D H Jones) P Calver 9-0	M Fry	23
221		LOCAL SILVER (Sheikh Mohammed) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	12
222		MAGICAL WONDER (M Fustok) O Douieb 9-0	A Lequeux	16
223		MUSICAL YOUTH (J Horgan) C Horgan 9-0	P Cook	4
227	0	RICMAR (W Martil) R Armstrong 9-0	A Murray	4
230	0	POLO STYLE (Marshall Racing Ltd) R Armstrong 9-0	P Tulk	10
232		THAXTED (R Walter) W O'Gorman 9-0	T Ives	9
233	022	TOP GUEST (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0	Pat Eddery	19
234		VERDANT BOY (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	13
235		WAAJIB (Hamdan al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	M Banner	18
236	3	WESHAAM (Maktoum al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0	L Piggott	5
237		BAY SUMMER (Oceanic Ltd) M Jarvis 8-11	W Woods	27
239	0	HELSANON (E Turner) M Jarvis 8-11	M Hills	24
241		KEEP HOPING (J Duffel) G Huffer 8-11	G Carter	2
243	0	TABLE-TURNING (Lord Derby) J Watts 8-11	–	25

1984: Profess 8-11 W R Swinburn (6-1) M Stoute 27 ran

7-2 Local Silver, 4 Weshaam, 9-2 Top Guest, 6 Verdant Boy, 7 Dogmatic, 9 Duff

FORM: DOGMATIC (9-0) 1¾l 3rd to Floating Asset (9-0) at Leicester (7f mdn, £2,745, firm Sept 24, 18 ran). DUFF (9-0) 1l Salisbury runner-up to Pactolus (9-0) (7f, £1,233, good to firm, Sept 12, 15 ran). TOP GUEST (9-0) short head 2nd to Tanaos (9-0) on the July course at Newmarket (6f, £3,337, Good, Aug 24, 15 ran). WESHAAM (9-0) favourite when a head and 2l 3rd to Faraway Dancer (9-0) at Goodwood (7f, £3,962, good to firm, Sept 14, 13 ran).
selection: TOP GUEST

3.10 SOMERVILLE TATTERSALL STAKES (2-y-o: £10,971: 7f) (11)

301	1	JANISKI (D) (Marcia Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 9-2	W Carson	2
303	211100	PRINCE PECADILLO (Dr C Emmerson) W Haigh 9-2	R Cochran	8
309	10	BADARBAK (H H Aga Khan) D Houghton 8-11	S Cauthen	10
311	21	CUMUTE (D) (D Lucie-Smith) F Durr 8-11	J Tandari	6
315	1	NISNAS (D) (F Salman) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	1
316	40124	STEAL THE SHOW (M Burdett-Coutts) M Usher 8-11	B Thomson	9
317	2	HUNTINGDALE (Mrs P Threlfall) J Hindley 8-8	M Hills	5
318	4	MARSHAL MACDONALD (Mrs J Hislop) W Holden 8-8	J Reid	7
319	3	MY GENERATION (M Riordan) W Hastings-Bass 8-8	Pat Eddery	3
322	23	TRUELY NUREYEV (J Mabee) M Stoute 8-8	W R Swinburn	11
324	0	GEMMA KAYE (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-5	P Cook	4

1984: Damister 8-6 Pat Eddery 6-4 fav J Tree 11 ran

13-8 Janiski, 4 Truely Nureyev, 5 Nisnas, 8 Huntingdale, 10 Badarbak, *Prince Pecadillo*

FORM: JANISKI a ½l defeat of Danishgar (8-7) at Doncaster (7f, £7,272, good, Sept 11, 14 ran). PRINCE PECADILLO unplaced behind Luqman on latest outing, earlier (9-0) a head scorer from Lochonica (9-0) at Haydock (6f, £8,610), good to firm, July 6, 8 ran). NISNAS (9-0) a neck winner from Tanuf (9-0) at Salisbury (7f, £1,261, good to firm, Sept 12, 20 ran). HUNTINGDALE (8-11) ½l 2nd to Native Wizard (8-11) at York (7f, £8,363, good to soft, Aug 20, 6 ran). MY GENERATION (9-0) 2½l 3rd to Onisky (9-0) at Brighton (1m, £1,040, firm, Sept 18, 10 ran). TRUELY NUREYEV (9-0) 1½l 3rd to Sure Blade (9-0) at Doncaster (7f, £34,992, good to firm, Sept 13, 5 ran).
Selection: TRUELY NUREYEV.

3.40 TOLLY COBBOLD HANDICAP (£5,017: 1m 4f) (11)

402	311242	EFFIGY (D) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-9-9	G Starkey	2
403	3-00103	RYE TOPS (E Moller) G Wragg 3-9-5	Pat Eddery	10
406	211001	CALL AGAIN (D) (Col W Behrens) W Elsey 3-8-10	T Ives	6
407	131110	HONEYDEW WONDER (D) (K Wheldon) D Elsworth 4-8-9	S Cauthen	4
408	040012	CARILLON (B) (D) (Sheikh Fahad) G Huffer 3-8-9	G Carter 5	11
409	134004	PAGAN SUN (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-8-6	P Robinson	9
410	210412	BOLD REX (D) (BF) J Dunlop 3-8-6	W Carson	1
415	14	STANDARD BREAKFAST (D) (A Clore) B Hills 3-8-1	B Thomson	5
417	031120	HIGH TENSION (D) (BF) (Lord Derby) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-7-11	T Quinn	5
418	200130	TIVIAN (D) (Lady Matthews) Mrs C Reavey 5-7-7	G Dickie	3
420	242030	ARBOR LANE (D) (A Papotto) M Haynes 4-7-7	M L Thomas	8

1984: Kingswick 4-7-4 Williams (12-1) M Naughton 11 ran

7-2 Effigy, 4 Standard Breakfast, 5 Call Again, 13-2 Rye Tops, 8 Carillon, 10 Bold Rex, 12 Honeydew Wonder, 14 High Tension, 16 others.

FORM: EFFIGY (9-0) 2l 2nd to Insular (8-13) at Ascot (1m 4f, £4,215, good to firm, Sept 27, 4 ran). RYE TOPS (9-2) 5l 3rd to Life Peer (8-9) at Leicester (1m 4f, £1,662, good to firm, July 15, 4 ran). CALL AGAIN (9-8) ¾l defeat of Golden Fancy (8-5) at Redcar (1m 3f, £2,390, good to firm, Sept 17, 17 ran). CARILLON (8-8) a nk 2nd to Pato (8-4) at Yarmouth 1m 2f, £8,025, good to firm, Sept 18, 6 ran). BOLD REX (9-2) 2½l 2nd to Stately Form (9-4) at Kempton (1m 3f, £2,821, good, Sept 6,13 ran). STANDARD BREAKFAST 4th to Life Peer latest, previously (8-11) a 1½l defeat of Convention (9-0) at Newbury (1m 4f, £2,399, soft, Aug 16, 13 ran). HIGH TENSION out of the frame behind Stately Form latest, prior to that (7-11) 4l 2nd to Rakaposhi King (8-4) at Goodwood (1m 6f, £4,721, good, July 31, 8 ran).
Selection: CALL AGAIN.

4.10 ROUS STAKES (£5,481: 5f) (11)

504	012404	AMIGO LOCO (D) (J Li) K Brassey 4-9-7	S Whitworth	4
506	000440	KIESERTISKY (CD) (S Hsu) R Armstrong 3-8-10	S Cauthen	10
507	414203	POLYKRATIS (BF) (M Paraticos) M Francis 3-8-10	Paul Eddery	6
508	0003101	IMPERIAL JADE (D) (S Kaplan) A Jarvis 3-8-7	D Nicholls	11
509	1433-00	ANITA'S PRINCE (B) (D) (Mrs A Quinn) P Felgate 4-8-5	L Piggott	1
511	2-40d02	DOUBLE SCHWARTZ (D) (R Sangster) C Nelson 4-8-5	Pat Eddery	3
512	020320	HILTON BROWN (D) (BF) (Lord McAlpine) P Cundell 4-8-5	P Cook	9
513	000000	LITTLE STRACHY (D) (F Fletcher) G Gracey 7-8-5	M Wigham	2
514	112-03	CRAGSIDE (CD) (S Grod) G Lewis 3-8-5	P Waldron	5
515	00	GOLD DERIVATIVE (Concord Bloodstock) D O'Donnell 3-8-0	M L Thomas	7
516	202-302	POLLY DANIELS (D) (Gutting Stud Ltd) P Cole 3-8-0	T Quinn	8

1984: Cutlers Corner 3-8-7 S Cauthen (5-1) W Wightman 8 ran.

7-2 Polly Daniels, 9-2 Double Schwartz, 5 Anita's Prince, 6 Cragside, 8 Hilton Brown, 10 Imperial Jade, Amigo Loco, 12 Polykratis, 16 others.

FORM: POLLY DANIELS (8-6) 3l 2nd of 7 to Tuxford Hideaway (8-6) at Newbury (5f, £3,090, good, Sept 20) with POLYKRATIS (8-9) another ½l back in 3rd. Previously, POLYKRATIS (9-3) ½l 2nd of 10 to Storm Warning (9-2) at Doncaster (5f, £9,505, good, Sept 11) with AMIGO LOCO (9-13) 2½l back in 5th. Last time AMIGO LOCO (9-10) one length 4th of 16 to Young Inca (8-11) at Ascot (5f, £8,584, good to firm, Sept 27) with IMPERIAL JADE (9-4) 3¼l 7th. Previously IMPERIAL JADE (9-10) beat La Tuerta (9-9) at Salisbury (5f, £3,475, good, Sept 11, 19 ran) with LITTLE STARCHY (8-13) well beaten in 15th. DOUBLE SCHWARTZ (9-8) 1½l 2nd of 9 to Commitred (9-10) at Phoenix Park (5f, £34,645, good to soft, Sept 7) with ANITA'S PRINCE (9-5) back in 7th. Last season ANITA'S PRINCE (9-11) 2¾ 3rd to Committed (8-7) in the Group 1 Prix de L'Abbaye at Longchamp (5f, £24,752, soft, Oct 7, 12 ran). HILTON BROWN (9-10) best effort this season when a short head 2nd to Clantime (8-9) at Epsom (5f, £7,778, good, Aug 27, 14 ran) with POLYKRATIS (9-4) two heads back in 4th. CRAGSIDE 4l 3rd in a Group 3 event in France last time on Sept 23, last season (9-0) a neck 2nd of 11 to Doulab (9-0) in the Cornwallis at Ascot (5f, £10,124, good to soft, Oct 13).
Selection: CRAIGSIDE.

4.40 KALA DANCER WESTLEY MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £4,191: 7f) (23)

601	040	ARASTOU (W Mullins) P Kelleway 9-0	Gay Kelleway	13
603	0	BERESQUE (Marshall Racing Ltd) R Armstrong 9-0	Pat Eddery	17
607	0	DORADE (O Miles Pollard jun) D Morley 9-0	G Duffield	9
609	00	FARAWAY LAD (Lady Sali) J Winter 9-0	G Starkey	23
610		ILLUMINEUX (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Albina 9-0	L Piggott	12
611	00	LOST ISLAND (Princess E Zu Ottingen-Spielberg) D Elsworth 9-0		14
612		MAJOR JACKO (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	22
614		QUARTERFLASH (C Cyzer) M Usher 9-0	M Wigham	4
615		QUICK DANCER (B Langeman) J Toller 9-0		20
616		RANELAGH (Mrs J Hislop) W Holden 9-0	J Reid	21
617	8	SATIAPOUR (B) (H H Aga Khan) R Houghton 9-0	S Cauthen	3
618	3	SHAFY (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	5
620		SIMON'S FANTASY (J Bray) R Armstrong 9-0	P Tulk	11
623		STAVORDALE (Mrs H Jones) H Thomson Jones 9-0	A Murray	18
624		STORMGUARD (H Joel) W Jarvis 9-0	T Quinn	16
625	0	TEBITTO (Lady D'Avigor-Goldsmid) N Vigors 9-0	P Cook	6
627		TREMENDOUS JET (Studcrown Ltd) L Cumani 9-0	P Hamblett	8
628	00	WAR WAGON (C Wacker II) R Armstrong 9-0	G Sexton	7
629	02	AZELLY (Mrs H Plumbly) M Tompkins 8-11	T Ives	19
631		GLOWING PROMISE (Pioneer Bloodstock) B Hills 8-11	B Thomson	15
632	0	HOME FLEET (Mrs J De Rothschild) B Hobbs 8-11	Paul Eddery	10
633		ILE DE DANSE (A Budgett) B Hobbs 8-11	G Baxter	1
635		NILE LARK (S Vanian) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	2

1984: Kala Dancer, 9-0 G Baxter (33-1) B Hanbury 28 ran.

7-4 Shafy, 4 Nile Lark, 5 Lost Island, 8 Satiapour, Tremendous Jet, 10 Glowing Promise, 12 Azelly, 16 *others*.

FORM: ARASTOU (9-0) 8l 5th behind New Trojan (9-0) at Goodwood (7f, £4875, good to soft Aug 2, 15 ran). BERESQUE (9-0) 11l 8th to Sure Blade (9-0) 6l running on 5th to Nisnas (9-0) at Salisbury (7f, 1251, good to firm, Sept 12, 20 ran). SHAFY (8-8) did not get the best of runs when a neck and short head 3rd to Town Jester (8-8) on the July course here (7f, £4557, good, Aug 3, 4 ran). WAR WAGON (9-0) just over 8l 6th to Aeschylus (9-0) on the July course (7f, £4506, good to firm, July 9, 14 ran). AZELLY (8-11) 2l Beverley 2nd to Tarib (8-11) (5f, £1882, good, Aug 29, 16 ran).
selection: SHAFY

Newmarket results

Going: Good

2.00 EBF ALINGTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £4,922: 6f)

HOLBROOK SUTTON br f, by Gay Mecene – Tell Michelle (Mrs J Philipps) 8-11
W R Swinburn (5-1 Jt Fav) 1
Zalatia b f by Music Boy – Zepha (R Waugh) 8-11 ... N Day (20-1) 2
Vague Lass ch f by Vaigly Great – City Link (J Rose) 8-11 ... W Ryan (25-1) 3

Also Ran: 5-1 Jt Favs Raisinheil (5th), Ask Mama (6th). 11-2 Fireal (4th). 8 Angel Taget. Astral Palins, 10 Old Domesday Book, Cleofe. 12 Travel Mystery, Absconding. 14 Annabellina, Queen of Battle, 20 Baby Czar, Cashmeri Music, Fesheng, Festivity, Luna Shamal-Gal, 25 Kam Tsin, Relaxed, Vitry. 22 ran. Head, 3l, ¾l, ½l, ½l. B Hanbury at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £12.80. Places: £3.20, £14.20, £8.70. DF: £715.80. CSF: £124.21. 1m, 13.78

2.30 BASSENTHWAITE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £5,257: 6f)

COINCIDENTAL B C by Parsian Bold – Gentle Mula (G Martin) 8-1
G Duffield (33-1) 1
Bay Presto b g by Bay Express – La Melodie (P Savill) 7-6 ... G Carter (33-1) 2
Zanata br f by African Sky – Zaheen (H H Aga Khan) 7-11 ... K Bradshaw (3-1 fav) 3

Also Ran: 9-2 Home Blade (4th), 8 Fancy Walk (5th), 12 Crimbourne, For Certain, Si Signor, 14 Powder Blue, Raffie, Stock Hill Lass, Tyrollie, 16 Albany Lad (6th), 33 Durayd, Fawley's Girl. 16 ran. Short head, nk, ½l, sh-hd, ¾l. M Lambert at Malton.
TOTE: Win: £34.50. Places: £5.30, £11.30, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £1,021.00. CSF: £698.81. Tricast: £3,781.20. 1m, 12.97.

3.00 BLOODSTOCK & GENERAL INSURANCE NURSERY STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £5,881: 5f)

CYRANO de BERGERAC b c by Bold Lad (Ire) – Alwen (J Pearce) 8-6
L Piggott (2-1 fav) 1
Tarib ch f by Habitat – Red Coral (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) 8-5 ... A Murray (5-2) 2
Cool Gales b f by Lord Gayle – Glebe Hollow (Mrs E Vestey) 7-7 ... N Carlisle (25-1) 3

Also Ran: 9 Mudishe, 12 Lammastide, 14 Dlubin Lad (4th), Mummy's Secret, 20 Forceful Wave, St Croins Castle (5th), 25 Young Puggy, Steel Cygnet, Vases, Light Hills (6th). 13 ran. ½l, 3l, 1½l, ½l nk. W Hastings Bass at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £2.90. Places: £1.20, £1.60, £10.00. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.81. TRICAST: £77.17. 1m 0.00s.

3.35 JOCKEY CLUB CUP (Group 3) (£19,292: 2m)

TALE QUALE ch c by High Line – Centro (R Barnett) 3-8-4 ... T Ives (25-1) 1
Old Country b h by Quiet Fling – Little Miss (Mrs O Abegg) 6-9-7 ... R Guest (9-2) 2
Life Peer br c by Lord Gaylord – Youth For Life (E Brain) 3-8-4 ... Paul Eddery (7-2) 3

Also Ran: 5-2 fav Spicy Story (4th). 7-2 Obertura, 16 Inde Pulse, 33 Floyd, 50 Centroline (6th). Civano (5th), Tom Sharp. 10 ran. 6l, 2½l, 3l, 2½l, 1l. H Candy at Wantage.
TOTE: Win: £17.40. Places: £2.60, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £87.20. CSF: £118.16. 3m 24.82s.

4.10 CHOKE JANDE STAKES (£19,292: 1m 4f)

PERKIN WARBECK br c by Vaguely Noble – Pretty Pretender (Sheikh Mohammed) 3-8-11 ... L Piggott (2-1) 1
Lundylux b f by Grundy – Norfolk Light (St J O'Connell) 3-8-0 ... A McGlone (12-1) 2
Kirmann br c by Top Ville – Karmouna (Aga Khan) 4-9-7 ... S Cauthen (6-4 fav) 3

Also Ran: 15-2 Tremulous (4th), 12 Bold Connection (5th), Mighty Flutter. 6 ran. 1½l, 2½l, 3l, 8l, 2½l. L Cumani at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £2.60. Places: £1.70, £2.90 DF: £18.60. CSF: £19.84. 2m 35.27s.

4.40 EXNING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £5,150: 1m 2f)

HENRY THE LION b c by Great Nephew – Britannia's Rule (C St George) 9-6
S Cauthen (9-2 fav) 1
Tracing b c by Artaius – Two Rock (Marshall Racing Ltd) 8-7 ... P Waldron (10-1) 2
Ritual Music ch f by Gregorian – Danlova (R Sangster) 7-12 ... R Hills (9-1) 3

Also Ran: 5 Sam Chifney (4th), 11-2 Tour d'Or, 8 Pato, 10 Sitting Bull (5th), 12 Follow The Band, 14 Winter Palace, 20 Changanoor (6th). 33 Orinda Original, Armored, The Lodge Prince, The Allied. 10 ran. ¾l, sh hd, nk, 2l, 1l. H Cecil at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £4.30. Places: £1.40, £3.40, £2.70. DF: £30.20. CSF: £43.91. TRICAST: £344.55. 2min 06.65s.
PLACEPOT: £139.35.
JACKPOT; now won.

Fontwell Park

Going: Firm.

2.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1, First Temptation (S Smith Eccles, 11-8) 2, Disport (16-1); 3, Hawser (10-11 fav). 2l 4l. 5 ran. J Jenkins. TOTE: £2.40; £1.0, £3.40. DF: £19.50. CSF: £16.62.

2.30 (2m 2f ch) 1, Donaghmoyne (Mr T Grantham, 9-2); 2, Grannie's Pet (5-2); 3, Revolver (13-8 fav). 3l, 1½l. 7 ran. Miss L Bower. TOTE: £5.80; £2.30, £1.80. DF: £9.40. CSF: £17.00.

3.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Taras Chariot RDunwoody (13-8); 2, Monza (6-5 fav); 3, Tompion (10-1). 12l, ½l. P Mitchell. TOTE: £1.80; £1.50, £1.10. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.98.

3.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Bachagha (D Brown, 7-4 fav); 2, Half's Prince (15-8) 3, Crocaux (7-2). 25l, 10l. 8 ran. NR: Philcrop. R Simpson. TOTE: £3.40; £1.90, £1.60, £1.10. DF: £4.70. CSF: £5.81. Bought in 8,750gns.

4.0 (3m 2f ch) 1, Polly Major (R Goldstein, 100-30); 2, Mark Paul (9-2); 3, Middle-Mark (7-4 fav). Sh hd, 20l. 8 ran. M Bolton. TOTE: £3.20; £1.10, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £9.40. CSF: £19.33.

4.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Running Comment (J Ricketts, 2-5 fav); 2, Corston Lad (2-1). 15l. 3 ran. Only two finished. N Henderson. TOTE: £1.20. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.70. PLACEPOT: £5.90.

Ludlow

Going: Firm

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Thatchit (P Miller, 8-15 fav); 2, Tender Gift (5-1); 3, Tit For Tat (6-1). 2l, 20l. 5 ran. B Preece. TOTE: £1.50, £1.90. DF: £25.20. CSF: £4.11.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, Gold Measure (S Morshead, 1-3 fav); 2, Glitterall (25-1); 3, Pontoon (7-1). 6l, 30l. 5 ran. J Spearing. TOTE: £1.20; £1.00, £2.40. DF: £9.00. CSF: £7.27.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Taglo (C Smith, 5-2); 2, Chalet Waldegg (20-1); 3, Tamertown Lad (7-4 fav). 5l, 2l. 9 ran. NR: Last Trail. M Tate. TOTE: £2.10; £1.10, £5.60, £1.30. DF: £26.70. CSF: £40.07. Tricast: £89.23.

3.45 (2m ch) 1, Mick's Ritual (P Scudamore, 5-1); 2, Dance Master (5-1). 3l. 4 ran. NR: Intoxicated. Only two finished. P Felgate. TOTE: £4.20. DF: £9.40. CSF: £22.47.

4.15 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Man O'Magic (P Croucher, 8-11 fav); 2, The Reedcutter (2-1); 3, Sparkler Superb (25-1). 6l, 10l. 6 ran. NR: Mr Parsons. K Bailey. TOTE: £1.70; £1.30, £1.30. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.73.

4.45 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Taqdir (S Sherwood, 7-4 fav); 2, Wassem (6-1); 3, Lady Seville (9-4). 4l, 3l. 8 ran. NR: Kamalock. O Sherwood. TOTE: £2.80; £1.10, £2.80, £2.10. DF: £7.80. CSF: £12.48.
PLACEPOT: £15.85.

Taunton

Going: hard

2.15 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Marsh Lane (J Lovejoy, 5-8 fav); 2, Gasoof (7-4); Grey Tornado (16-1). 3l, 5l. 7 ran. J D J Davies. TOTE: £1.90; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.76.

● Due to slippery state of ground the remainder of the meeting was abandoned.

Taunton anger

An angry crowd of 700 racegoers besieged the stewards enclosure at Taunton yesterday after the meeting was abandoned after one race. They demanded refunds after stewards ruled that heavy rain had made the course dangerously slippery.

Police had to be called to protect officials as the crowd shouted abuse and tried to surge into the weighing room. The crowd eventually dispersed after stewards offered then free entry into the next meeting later this month.

● The Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, has reappointed David Montagn and Peter Winfield as members of the Horserace Totalisator Board for a further period until September 30, 1987 and the Duke of Devonshire has been reappointed for a further year with effect from October 1, 1985.

Chariot of fire

Lector had to break the course record to beat Taras Chariot at Plumpton last week, and Taras Chariot paid tribute to the form by simply bolting home in Yesterday's Rank Challenge Cup at Fontwell Park. Three horses, Taras Chariot, Monza, and Tompion, had chances between the last two flights, but Taras Chariot jumped ahead at the last and immediately quickened away, under Richard Dunwoody, to win by 12 lengths.

His trainer Phillip Mitchell had only one complaint: "He's won too far. Taras Chariot is a tough hardy sort and was a bit unlucky at Plumpton, where they went a bit too fast and the ground was a bit too firm. He's got a stack of engagements, on the Flat as well as over hurdles, and he'll be out again soon."

Donaghmoyne, second in each of her two races this season, earned a well-deserved win when her powerful finishing run overwhelmed Grannys Pet 100 yards from home in the Nickel Coin Challenge Cup." I must admit I'm surprised," said her winning trainer, Lindsay Bower. "I never thought she would come from behind to win. Every jockey that's ridden her has said that the mare is very game but one paced. Perhaps the others were even more one-paced today."

● Yorkshire-based jockey Tony Charlton saddles his first runners as a trainer at Kelso tomorrow, Silken Turn (2.15) and Faithful Don (3.15). He rides them both.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.0 Amazing Elegance, Kushka. 4.40 Satiapour.
HAYDOCK PARK: 1.45 Miss Betel. 2.45 Sharmeena. 3.45 Music Market. 4.15 Selection Board.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: William Hill Futurity Stakes Doncaster: My Annadetsky. All engagements (dead): Rum River, Gastronomic, Friday Street, Stateless, La Te Doh, Irish Clipper, Honour's Imp, Lighting Tom, Picket Line, Spaniards Mount.

Sagace can maintain Biancone's mastery

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

Patrick Biancone is already at the top of his profession as a trainer even at the tender age of 33. The young Frenchman could attain even greater heights as he saddles both the favourite Sagace and Walensee for Sunday's Trusthouse Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Biancone is sure to be the champion trainer in France this season for the first time and horses from his stable have to date won seven races in the group one category. It was back in 1981 that Biancone really hit the headlines when Bikala won the Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby). He recalls: "That was one of the finest moments of my career, but Bikala also was my greatest disappointment when he was beaten by Gold River in the Arc."

The Biancone family has their origins in Italy and first settled in France in the southern town of Avignon which is well known through the song about its bridge. "Papy" Biancone was a top jockey and rode from the age of 13 to 50 during which time he had over 2,000 winners on the flat. Biancone's father, Pierre, was born into the profession and he too was a top jockey under both rules until weight became a problem. So when Patrick was born into the south west town of Mont de Marsan on June 6, 1952, it was extremely likely that he would have something to do with racing.

Daniel Wildenstein, who owns Sagace

Not a great academic, the young Biancone preferred football and riding to studying for his baccalaureat (the equivalent of 'A' levels). In 1968 he started to ride in racing as an amateur and first visited the winner's enclosure on Bouton d'Or at the Northern race track of la Croise-Laroche. In 1979 Biancone spent six months with John Waugh at Newmarket and the following year was champion jockey in France. After his military service with a cavalry regiment, Biancone took out his trainer's licence in 1975.

The year 1981 was that of Bikala and in 1982 All Along won the Prix Vermeille in the hands of Grevill Starkey. A year later the same filly won the Arc de Triomphe and then reeled off the Turf Classic, Rothman's International at Woodbine and the Washington D.C. International and picked up an additional prize of $1 million.

In 1983 Sagace also made his debut at Longchamp, but was beaten after running all over the course in the straight. "Sagace pulled a muscle that day and was off the track for two months. He would have been closer to All Along in the Arc but he was unlucky" the trainer said.

In fact Sagage had another minor setback when he fractured a bone in his foot during last year's Prix Ganay when going under to Romildo, but the colt recovered to win the Arc de Triomphe later in the year. Sagace goes into Sunday's race as the hot favourite and if the Son Of Lathier wins, he will be doing so for the third consecutive year for both Biancone and his main patron, Daniel Wildenstein.

It is impossible to oppose Sagage in this year's Arc when he will be ridden by 20-year-old Eric Legrix as Yves Saint-Martin has been claimed by the Aga Khan. Although Segage has only come up against moderate opposition this season, he has reeled off the Prix Ganay, Prix d'Ispahan and Prix Foy without having to flex a muscle.

● Yves Saint-Martin will ride Kozana in Sunday's big race and Mouktar will be an absentee.

HAYDOCK PARK

GOING: good to soft

Draw advantage: 6f-1m, low numbers best

1.45 ALTRINCHAM SELLING STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £1,484: 6f) (24 runners)

2	3000	WELOVEYOUWEDNESDAY (D) G Moore 9-2	R Elliot	18
7	0000	AMPLIFY M Brittain 8-11	M Birch	20
10	00	BALTIC LOVER R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	9
11	04	BILLY'S DANCE (BF) D Dale 8-11	D McKeown	4
13	2000	CLASS HOPPER W Elsey 8-11	J Lowe	2
14		CRISP METCALFE M W Easterby 8-11	M Hindley 5	8
16	00	ESS-JAY-ESS B Stevens 8-11	E Johnson	6
17	0000	EVER SO SHARP J P Smith 8-11	J Johnson	6
25	000	MAGNOLIA BOY K Bridgwater 8-11	P D'Arcy	1
27	0000	MASTER MOSSES (B) J Jefferson 8-11	–	17
31	0330	NAP KING COLE R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	10
33	00	PAUL JAY W Guest 8-11	E Guest 3	14
35		SEA VENOM R Thomson 8-11	R Fox	16
40	0	TOGDALE M W Easterby 8-11	K Hodgson	12
42	4003	COOPER RACING NAIL (BF) J Berry 8-8	K Darley	19
52		MILLS AMEND D Wintle 8-8	John Williams	21
53	000	MISS BETEL (B) A Jarvis 8-8	J Matthias	3
54	0000	MISS CEE TEE E Alston 8-8	A Proud	5
55	2040	OUR CHILDREN W Wharton 8-8	N Carlisle	11
57	2202	POPLAR (B) T Fairhurst 8-8	C Coates 5	13
58	0000	RAPID STAR G Harman 8-8	NON-RUNNER	15
62	0400	SPANISH INFANTA M Blanshard 8-8	N Adams	22
63	00	STAR CRIMSON E Carter 8-8	Wendy Carter 7	23
65	4240	TAWNY HILL R Hollinshead 8-8	W Ryan	24

5 Spanish Infanta, 6 Cooper Racing Nail, Poplar, 7 Tawny Hill, Nap King Cole, 8 Weloveyouwednesday, 10 Our Children, Amplify

Haydock selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Billy's Dancer. 2.15 Star Above. 2.45 Tebreak. 3.15 Leon. 3.45 Celtic Bird. 5.10 Levigatus. 5.35 Chapelet.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.45 Billy's Dancer. 2.15 Star Above. 2.45 Paddina Park. 3.15 Leon. 3.45 Xhai. 4.15 Summer's Darling. 5.10 Moorland Lady. 5.35 Mufrij.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.45 LADY CARA (nap).

2.15 KNUTSFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £1,665: 1m 2f) (12)

2	0	APPEALING C Brittain 8-11	M Birch	10
3	00	APRIL BRIDE R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	7
4	4000-	BETTINA PARK E Eldin 8-11	A Mackay	6
5	00-00	BRILLEAUX B Hanbury 8-11	J Lowe	5
20	02	MING DELIGHT B Hanbury 8-11	A Clark	12
23	022	ONE LAST GLIMPSE J Watts 8-11	N Connorton	9
28	0033-	SIRDAR GIRL Mrs C Reavey 8-11	N Day	4
29	003	STAR ABOVE L Cumani 8-11	R Guest	2
30	0030	SWEET SALORA E Weymes 8-11	E Guest 3	11
32	3432	TIBER CREEK (BF) I Balding 8-11	J Matthias	1
33	000	TOP FEATHER J Dunlop 8-11	R Fox	3
34	00	TOUCH OF LUCK H Candy 8-11	T Williams	8

9-4 One Last Glimpse, 3 Ming Delight, 4 Star Above, 6 Tiber Creek, 8 Top Feather, 10 Appealing, 14 Touch Of Luck, 16 others.

2.45 ALTRINCHAM SELLING STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £1,484: 6f) (23)

1	0013	SHARK FIGHTER (D)(BF) D McCain 9-2	L Charnock	19
3	0010	MENEGHINI ROSE (B)(D) M W Easterby 8-13	–	1
4	1000	UBEDAWESY G M Moore 8-13	R Elliott	15
5	4331	WINDING PATH (D) R Hollinshead 8-13	W Ryan	3
6	00	ALL NIGHT LONGMUIR Hunter 8-11	R Hills	17
12		CHEAL M Hinchliffe 8-11	J Matthias	12
18	0000	FINAL BREEZE M Brittain 8-11	K Darley	14
19	000	GALAXY GALA J Redfern 8-11	S Morris	13
28	04	MEDDY W Haigh 8-11	A Clark	23
30	0000	MOLOCH J Mulhall 8-11	N Connorton	5
32	0000	NIPPER SMITH W Bentley 8-11	–	10
36		SPLENDID MAGNOLIA K Bridgwater 8-11	P D'Arcy	4
37	0	STEP ON C Thornton 8-11	J Bleasdale	6
38	0404	TEBRAK (BF) S Norton 8-11	J Lowe	8
39	0300	THE STRAY BULLETT (B) B McMahon 8-11	A Roper 7	6
43		DISTINCTIVE PETAL J Glover 8-8	D McKeown	22
47	4400	HANNAH REED D H Jones 8-8	–	2
48	4040	HARSLEY SURPRISE N Tinkler 8-8	Non-Runner	21
49	000	IFFLEY MAY QUEEN C James 8-8	R Fox	18
56	0	PADDINA PARK E Eldin 8-8	A Mackay	11
59	00	ROCKVILLE SQUAD R Hannon 8-8	A McGlone	20
60	3530	SHARMEENA (B) R Hollinshead 8-8	S Perks	9
61	0020	SLATE MARKET (BF) J FitzGerald 8-8	M Hindley 5	7

4 Tebrak, 9-2 Winding Path, 5 Shark Fighter, 6 Meddy, 8 The Stray Bullett, 12 Slate Market, 14 Harsley Surprise, 16 Step On, 20 others.

3.15 OUTLAND HANDICAP (£3,502: 1m 4f) (15)

2	0130	BUCKLOW HILL (D) J FitzGerald 8-9-7	M Hindley 5	13
6	2120	INSET LADY (B)(C)(BF) M Ryan 4-9-2	P Bloomfield	14
8	2220	DANCING BARRON J Dunlop 4-9-1	R Fox	4
11	1021	DERRYRING D Laing 3-9-0	R Curant	6
14	1301	VICKSTOWN (D) B Morgan 3-8-12	J Matthias	11
16	4240	REGAL STEEL (CD) R Hollinshead 7-8-11	W Ryan	1
19	0411	LEON (D) L Cumani 3-8-8 (4 ex)	S Quane 7	7
22	0000	MARTIAN BABY (B)(C) C Brittain 3-8-7	A Mackay	12
23	0200	BOLLIN PALACE M H Easterby 3-8-6	M Birch	9
25	2133	PUBBY (BF) J Toller 4-8-3	R Hills	2
26	4234	CAMDEN LOCK (D) T Barron 4-8-3	A Shoults 5	3
27	0000	LIBRATE (D) J Bradley 4-8-1	T Williams	8
28	0010	HOT GIRL (B)(CD) R Houghton 3-7-11	K Darley	5
29	0400	RADHAW (D) J Etherington 4-7-8	S Dawson 3	5
30	2000	EARL'S COURT (C,D) R Francis 9-7-7	J Lowe	10

2 Leon, 4 Vickstown, 11-2 Regal Steel, 13-2 Derryring, 8 Bucklow Hill, Inset Lady, 12 Pubby, Camden Lock, 1' 4 others.

3.45 PRESTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,107: 1m 40yd) (18)

1	2310	SHEER CLIFF I Balding 9-7	J Matthias	10
2	3300	INISHPOUR Ron Thompson 9-2	R P Elliott	14
3	13	SESSION H Candy 9-1	T Williams	3
6	2120	SHELLMAN (C) K Stone 8-10	C Dwyer	7
7	0000	ARISTOCRAT VELVET J Etherington 8-10	–	1
10	3410	FLOWER OF TINTERN D Laing 8-9	R Curant	16
13	0030	MUSIC MARKET (B)(BF) J Watts 8-6	N Connorton	12
14	1-430	DESTINA (CD)(BF) G Harwood 8-6	A Clark	8
16	2100	SILVER CANNON (B) S Norton 8-2	J Lowe	18
18	0000	POMMES CHATEAU H Collingridge 8-1	M Rimmer	2
19	3-00	AQUADA BEACH (B) M H Easterby 8-0	K Darley	17
20	0221	XHAI M Tompkins 8-0 (5 ex)	R Morse 7	13
21	4220	CREEAGER W Wharton 7-13	–	6
23	0000	ROSATHERNE K Stone 7-12	L Charnock	4
24	4200	STEERPIKE (B) P Cundell 7-9	N Adams	5
25	0101	BELLA BANUS W A Stephenson 7-7	A Mackay	15
27	3400	WELSH MEDLEY D H Jones 7-7	–	9
35	0000	REDREED D Chapman 7-7	S P Griffiths 5	11

7-2 Destina, 9-2 Session, Flower Of Tintern, 6 Bella Banus, 8 Sheer Cliff, Creeager, 10 Xhai, 14 Inishpour, 16 others.

4.15 NORTH LANCASHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £1,858: 1m 40yd) (14)

3	0-00	ASSAGLAWI H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	4
4		AYDIMOUR R Johnson Houghton 9-0	K Darley	12
10	0032	FREEDOM'S CHOICE J Dunlop 9-0	R Fox	1
14	00	HINCKLEY LANE M W Easterby 9-0	M Hindley 5	8
28	03	SMOKEY'S SECRET F Yardley 9-0	J Johnson	2
29	00	YOUNG BRUSS J Etherington 9-0	–	3
31	0-30	BERGAMASCA G Wragg 8-11	S Bridle 7	10
37	00	EASTERN LAUGHTER B Stevens 8-11	E Johnson	14
38	4002	ELEGANT FASHION W Guest 8-11	E Guest 3	7
46	2200	PERFECT MATCH B Hills 8-11	–	11
47	0004	POLY DO K Ivory 8-11	C Dwyer	6
49	2-	SELECTION BOARD (B) J Watts 8-11	N Connorton	9
51	202	SUMMER'S DARLING (BF) L Cumani 8-11	R Guest	13
52	2302	TOLGA I Balding 8-11	J Matthias	5

5-2 Freedom's Choice, 100-30 Summer's Darling, 5 Tolga, 8 Selection Board, Aydimour, 10 Perfect Match, 14 Assaglawi, 16 others.

4.45 BRYN HANDICAP (£2,530: 5f) (22)

1	2030	CHINA GOLD (D) Miss L Siddall 6-9-11	G Gosney	16
2	1244	RAMBLING RIVER (B)(CD) W A Stephenson 8-9-9	M Birch	1
4	1000	SPACEMAKER BOY (CD) R Nicholls 5-9-5	J Bleasdale	7
5	4041-	TOP THAT (D) T Barron 4-9-3	S Webster	2
7	0400	PADDYSTOWN P Cundell 3-9-2	A McGlone	12
9	0000	YANGSTE-KIANG (B)(D) J Bradley 5-9-0	R Fox	21
10	0003	COWAL SHORE (B) J W Watts 4-8-13	N Connorton	9
12	3400	CELTIC BIRD (CD) A Balding 5-8-12	A Mackay	11
16	0200	CARPENTER'S BOY (D) Mrs G Reveley 7-8-10	D Leadbitter 5	13
17	0001	VELOCIDAD (B)(D) J Glover 5-8-10 (7 ex)	R Carter 5	14
18	0000	LADY CARA (D) J Berry 5-8-9	K Darley	17
19	0004	SCHULA (D) H O'Neill 5-8-7	J Johnson	4
21	0300	DON'T TELL ME (D) M W Easterby 3-8-5	K Hodgson	5
24	3000	DURANDAL (CD) D Wilson 8-8-2	T Williams	22
25	0020	WARTHILL LADY (D) M Brittain 3-8-2	I Charnock	20
26	0000	BOARDING HOUSE (B)(D) K Stone 3-8-1	J Lowe	15
27	1000	AMAZMIA (D) J S Wilson 3-8-0	R Guest	6
28	4100	PARADE GIRL (D) J Kettlewell 3-7-13	A Proud	19
31	0000	POKERFAYES (B)(D) B McMahon 6-7-11	A Roper 7	18
32	2040	LAST SECRET (B)(D) D Chapman 4-7-11	S P Griffiths 5	10
33	3001	UPTOWN GIRL (D) T Barron 5-7-11 (7 ex)	A Shoults 5	3
34	4300	PINE HAWK D H Jones 4-7-10	–	8

9-2 Rambling River, 11-2 Velocidad, 7 Spacemaker Boy, 8 Top That, Celtic Bird, Uptown Girl, 10 Cowal Shore, Carpenter's Boy, China Gold, 14 others.

5.10 KNUTSFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES Div II: 3-y-o: £1,665: 1m 2f) (12)

8		CHERRYWOOD ROSE H O'Neill 8-11	I Johnson	10
10	0	C S L GIRL J Mulhall 8-11	M Richardson 7	9
12	0004	EDELEAU D Laing 8-11	R Curant	8
15	3202	FOUR STAR THRUST R Whitaker 8-11	N Carlisle	3
17	200	GORGEOUS PRINCESS R Hollinshead 8-11	–	6
19	0324	LEVIGATUS J Toller 8-11	J Bleasdale	11
22	4220	MOORLAND LADY M Jarvis 8-11	T Williams	4
26	4420	PRUDENCE E Weymes 8-11	E Guest 3	7
27	4300	QUALITAIR LADY K Stone 8-11	G Brown 5	5
35	4-000	UNCORNERED B Hanbury 8-11	A Geran 7	1
36	0-303	WASSALAWEYEH B Hills 8/11	R Hills	2
37	0-000	WREN OFFICER G Wragg 8-11	M Rimmer	12

15-8 Wassalaweyeh, 3 Four Star Thrust, 9-2 Moorland Lady, 11-2 Levigatus, 8 Wren Officer, 12 others.

5.35 NORTH LANCASHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £1,844: 1m 40yd) (13)

1	0-0	ABBEE VALLEYO M Camacho 9-0	N Connorton	2
2	20	ASKRANO G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	3
5	3-4	BASSIM J Dunlop 9-0	R Fox	6
6	0-00	CONSTANTINE BAY S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	1
8	30-00	FESTIVAL CITY Mrs A Hewitt 9-0	J Williams	11
18	00-	INFINITE GLORY L Lightbrown 9-0	A Shoults 5	5
21	0344	MR McGREGOR (BF) H O'Neill 9-0	I Johnson	12
22	0	MUFRIJ H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	10
25	00	RICCO STAR J Etherington 9-0	M Wood	9
32	0	BLUE PIAZZA D Laing 8-11	R Curant	4
34	00-4	CHAPELET B Hills 8-11	–	8
39	0000	ENCHANTED LADY K Ivory 8-11	C Dwyer	13
40	04	FRIENDLY BEE J Glover 8-11	D McKeown	7

9-4 Chapelet, 100-30 Bassim, 5 Mr McGregor, Askrano, 8 Mufrij, 12 others.

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2.0 BOGMARSH NOVICE HURDLE (£697: 2m 4f) (3 runners)

16	00-00	THE KRACK Mrs S Oliver 5-10-10	J Suthern
19	00-00	ATHENS LASS K Bailey 7-10-5	P Croucher
23		DISTANT SOUND J Spearing 4-10-4	R Dickin

1984: Rare Edition 6-11-6 G Moore (6-1) A Moore 18 ran.

4-5 The Krack, 11-8 Distant Sound, 10 Athens Lass.

2.30 PENCOED NOVICE SELLING CHASE (£806: 2m) (4)

1	000ff	LANDAS ROCKET G Gracey 7-11-9	G McCourt
4	000-0	TOMMY TUDOR (B) R Hodges 5-11-8	Peter Hobbs
7	00-00	PERNOIC J Dalton 5-11-3	J Suthern
8	0-p00	EASY MOVER (B) M Scudamore 4-10-10	P Scudamore

1984: Rockfield Boy 7-11-9 J Francome (7-2) J Jenkins 7 ran.

10-11 Tommy Tudor, 4 Easy Mover, 9-2 Pernoic, 11-2 Landas Rocket.

Hereford selections

By Mandarin

2.0 The Krack. 2.30 Tommy Tudor. 3.0 Folkland. 3.30 Native Break. 4.0 Aonoch. 4.30 Sidvic. 5.0 Amber Marsh.

3.0 BALLINGHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (amateurs: £1,293: 3m 1f) (17)

4	00f1-	FOLKLAND D Arbuthnot 4-11-7	T Thomson Jones
5	30-12	PRINCESS HECATE (CD) P Davis 10-11-8	Miss T Davis 7
6	p44-0	CARDINAL'S OUTBURST A Portman 10-11-8	J Portman 7
8	0fp-4	ATHENS STAR J Bradley 10-11-4	G Hamer 7
9	00p4/	DO OR DIE O O'Neill 8-11-3	C Lumsden 7
13	0p1-3	SAWYER'S SON Mrs P Rigby 6-10-11	Mrs P Rigby 7
15	30-44	EL CITO N Mitchell 8-10-9	T Mitchell 7
16		CROZURRY M Stephens 10-10-6	–
17	00/0-0	FELIXSTOWE J Long 7-10-5	P Clarke 7
18	00-00	LAW BENCH (C) Mrs S Hembrow 13-10-5	L Harvey 7
19	4000-	PROUDEST DIANA (CD) Miss E Sneyd 5-10-4	R Bellamy 7
21	43pp-	CITY MARATHON J Fitch-Hayes 7-10-2	Miss P Fitch-Hayes 7
22		GOLDRIDGE B Cambridge 8-10-1	J Cambridge 4
23	030-3	MAGIC MOUSE A Aylett 9-10-0	–
25	0pp-0	EMERALD FLIGHT R Eckley 6-10-0	M Price 7
26		SCOTSEZO J Young 8-10-0	P Picton-Warlow 7
27	00/02	MISS WINTERFOLD M Tate 6-10-0	–

1984: Last Of The Foxes 11-9-7 Miss G Armytage (20-1) N Twiston Davies 15 ran.

5-2 Princess Hecate, 4 Folkland, 11-2 El Cito, 13-2 City Marathon, Miss Winterfold, 10 Magic Mouse, 12 Sawyer's Son, 16 others.

3.30 KINGS CAPLE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,005: 3m 1f) (3)

3	4-311	PARISH RIGGED (B) (D) T Forster 7-11-9 (7 ex)	H Davies
5	1122	NATIVE BREAK (C) Mrs W Sykes 8-11-7	S Morshead
6	0f00	NO RETREAT P Pritchard 13-10-0	A Webber

1984: Ebony Bill 9-10-0 M Perrett (2-1 fav) K Bailey 7 ran.

10-11 Parish Rigged, 6-4 Native Break, 5 No Retreat.

4.0 PENALT HURDLE (LIMITED HANDICAP) (£1,072: 2m) (4)

1	3230	AONOCH (D) Mrs S Oliver 8-12-0	Miss S Oliver 7
10	0210-	BUNTER (D) R Juckes 7-10-7	G Williams
12	p000-	NO RANSOM (D) M Stephens 5-10-7	B Powell
15	0-114	SPIV'S RIGHT (CD) F Jordan 4-10-7	R Hyett

1984: Golden Friend 6-11-7 S Morshead (2-1 fav) Mrs M Rimell 11 ran.

1-3 Aonoch, 4 Spiv's Right, 12 Bunter, 14 No Ransom.

4.30 BOLSTONE NOVICE CHASE (£1,761: 2m 4f) (8)

4	u0-p0	BARNABY RUDGE M Salaman 7-11-1	M Bastard
9	4020-	MASTER BEAU R Armytage 10-11-1	–
11	3040	PROPER MOMMET R Hodges 7-11-1	R Rowe
13	1-pf3	RIVA BE GOOD O O'Neill 8-11-1	C Smith
14	f004	ROYAL VIEW V Bishop 9-11-1	Mr C Crozier
15	1442	SAILING BY J Jenkins 7-11-1	S Smith Ecclas
16	000-4	SIDVIC M Oliver 6-11-1	R Dunwoody
18	000-f0	SEA RANGER C Roach 5-10-13	H Davies

1984: Play The Knave 7-11-1 S Morshead (3-1) P Bailey 10 ran.

7-4 Sailing By, 3 Sidvic, 4 Riva Be Good, 6 Royal View, 8 Master Beau, 14 Proper Mommet, 16 others.

5.0 GRUNWICK NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£945.50: 2m) (16)

10		BIBS FOLLY P Rodford 4-11-2	Mr P Macewan 7
12		EAGLE SHADOW B Palling 4-11-2	C Evans 7
15	00-	JIM BROWN H Haynes 4-11-2	P Roberts 7
17	0-0	KING UNIVERSE W Fisher 4-11-2	Miss H Chard
18		MLINI R Hodges 4-11-2	W Irvine 7
20	20-	PRINCE TOBIQUE J Spearing 4-11-2	Miss C Reynolds 7
21	0-	AMBER MARSH A Aylett 5-10-12	–
26		MONA'S LIZA B Lay 6-10-12	Mr L Lay 7
27	30	SWEET RASCAL (B) J Bradley 6-10-12	Sharron James 7
28	0	VULPRO M McCourt 5-10-12	N Greeves 7
29		BRANSFORD C Jackson 4-10-11	Mr T Jackson 7
30		HANDY LANE B Forsey 4-10-11	J D Davies 7
31		LADY CHOU C Bridgett 4-10-11	Mr C Bridgett 7
34	0-	RUTHS LOVE G Price 4-10-11	C Evans 7
35	0-	SPACE KATE E Evans 4-10-11	Mr R Bellamy 7
36		STELLA PRIDE K Carter 4-10-11	Mrs L Sheedy

1984: Nearly a Pine 4-10-9 S McDonald (16-1) D Gandolfo 19 ran.

2 Prince Tobique, 3 Amber Marsh, 4 Vulpro, 6 Sweet Rascal, 8 Eagle Shadow, 10 King Universe, 14 others.

TENNIS

Bates's form can take weight off the shoulders of Lloyd

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Britain play Israel at Eastbourne during the next three days in a Davis Cup tie that will earn the winners promotion to next year's 16-nation first division. This year's championship has been reduced to the semi-finals: Sweden v Australia and West Germany v Czechoslovakia.

Britain were relegated last September but have since had the luck to be drawn at home against Portugal, Switzerland and Israel in turn. That luck has permitted Britain to play on grass, a surface with which they are more familiar than any of this year's opponents. They beat Portugal 5–0 and Switzerland 3–0 in a tie that was then rained-off.

The most heartening feature of the Swiss tie was the fact that Jeremy Bates, aged 23, beat Heinz Gunthardt. Bates won the national championship last Sunday. At last he has added competitive maturity to his enviable racket skills. Bates has acquired the mental toughness to take charge of a difficult match or buckle down to work should adversity come his way.

The advance of Bates has slightly reduced the responsibility resting on John Lloyd in singles, and Lloyd and Colin Dowdeswell in doubles. Lloyd, aged 31, has played 32 singles and 14 doubles for Britain since 1974 and is not yet in decline. He and Dowdeswell, a deft volleyer, have won all three of their Davis Cup doubles.

Shlomo Glickstein (whose build suggests a hereditary connection with Samson, the Old Testament heavyweight champion) is the most experienced Israeli and maybe the key to their chances. But Shahar Perkiss and Amos Mansdorf are, for the moment, more highly ranked. There is little to choose between the three and all are competent in the basics of grass-court tennis. Perkiss, still regaining his best form after a mysterious illness that made him tire more quickly than he should, will play only in the doubles.

The Israelis had a fortnight's practice in Tel Aviv on a makeshift grass-court installed in an athletics stadium. They have also been practising at Eastbourne since Sunday. Their captain, Joseph Stabholz, was "spare man" in the only previous tie between these teams. That was in 1965 at Golders Green, where Britain won 4-1. Elezar Davidman saved three match points before beating the late Mike Sangster.

The Devonshire Park ground staff have done their best, with the help of blow-driers, to ensure that the court is not unreasonably damp. The order of play is: Today (11.00): Bates v Glickstein, Lloyd v Mansdorf. Tomorrow (1.00): Dowdeswell and Lloyd v Glickstein and Perkiss. Sunday (11.00): Lloyd v Glickstein, Bates v Mansdorf.

● Ivan Lendl will play only the doubles for Czechoslovakia in their Davis Cup semi-final with West Germany. An elbow injury which prevents him from playing singles, leaves West Germany clear favourites to reach their first ever Davis Cup final in 15 years. Lendl said that it was only in response to a plea from the Czechoslovak captain, Jan Kodes, that he is playing at all. The fast carpet surface in Frankfurt's Festhalle should assist West Germany's 17-year-old Wimbledon champion Boris Becker.

Sweden face an Australian team weakened by injury in the other semi-final on clay in Malmo.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Fourth division
Colchester v Exeter (7.30)
Southend v Tranmere (7.45)

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Davis Cup: Great Britain v Israel (at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne)
LACROSSE: Men's international: England v Iroquois Indians (at Manchester).
GOLF: British women's open (at Moor Park); Golf foundation schools team championship: Qualifying rounds (at Enfield, Hamilton). Central England open mixed foursomes (at Woodhall Spa GC). Grafton Morrish Public Schools OB Trophy (at Brancaster GC and Hunstanton GC).
SNOOKER: Goya matchroom trophy (at Stoke).
SPEEDWAY: British league: Oxford v Cradley Heath (7.30); Wolverhampton v Sheffield (7.30). National league: Edinburgh v Mildenhall (7.15); Glasgow v Middlesbrough (7.30); Peterborough v Birmingham (7.30); Hackney v Long Eaton (7.30).
MOTOR RACING: Grand Prix of Europe: Official qualifying (at Brands Hatch).
HORSE TRIALS: Chatsworth.
WRESTLING: Commonwealth championship (Bella Houston).

England get the space-time equation wrong

Nation's great chance is spurned

Simon Barnes

Hoddle transcending the mediocrity of his environment

English football's long love affair with mediocrity continues. The country's game has always displayed a touching willingness to accept second best, a vast love of the ordinary, a huge affinity with all forms of local self-interest and every one of the symptoms of terminal provincialism of the temperament.

So many people see the ludicrously gifted Glenn Hoddle as merely glitzy, as culpably inconsistent. They would prefer to see him fail: the concept is more their size. In exactly the same way football's provincial self-interest has turned the World Cup into a minor competition. Hoddle said: "The World Cup is the biggest thing in football. But as it is we are putting the biggest thing in football second to the domestic game."

The Brussels disaster, and English football's consequent ejection from European competition, provided one of those unexpected pauses that give you a chance to reassess. English football's response to the challenge was to come up with the revolutionary notion that what the country needs is even more of the same thing as before. Given, for once, the time to think, football has decided that the way to the future lies in providing more and more and more of the stuff that the punters were already staying away from.

Hoddle is a player whose style exploits space and time better than most. He is appalled at the way that football has wasted the space and time created by the disaster. "Every World Cup we say the same thing: England doesn't prepare properly. Then we are thrown out of Europe. The gaps in the programme gave us the ideal chance to prepare for the World Cup.

"The Mexican team have taken a whole year off from domestic football to prepare for the World Cup. But we shall be playing right through till May and then we will be chucked straight into the World Cup."

The most telling response English football has made to the Brussels disaster has been to invent ever more spurious competitions. Presumably the idea is to drain the last drop of admission money from the hooligans before even they get catatonic with boredom. We have the farcical Full Members' Cup and the not-much-better Super Cup: motto, Who Cares, Wins. Football runneth over with cups.

"Instead of playing the Super Cup we should have got the international players together." Hoddle said. "The gaps in the programme provided the perfect opportunity to get the players working as a team throughout the season, playing matches and training together. But instead we have the current approach and it is amateurish."

English football needs cheering up: even more, Englishmen who enjoy football need to be cheered up. To try to cure the depression with more and more depressing fixtures is obviously nonsense. Hoddle is right: "All of English football desperately needs us to do well in the World Cup. If we do well the fans will be lifted and will start coming back to the clubs, more money will come into the game. If we won it would turn English football around."

It would, indeed. Hoddle, at last given something of a run in the national side, is more suited than most to the task of turning English football around. But the English belief remains: if a player is skilful it is taken as an infallible sign of something deeply wrong inside. English football is more at home with mediocrity.

"Everyone has flaws in his game," Hoddle said. "Because I have ability I get knocked for my defensive shortcomings. But players who are good defensively never get knocked for their creative flaws. In a team game you are trying to blend players: if I am 70 per cent creative and only 30 per cent defensive there are other players who are 70 per cent defensive."

Football writers will write glowingly of, say, Platini, and then, in a hurt sort of way, criticize Hoddle for his inconsistency. "Platini would get the same criticism if he played in England. Because if he played in the League he would be inconsistent. That's down to the number of games we play here: it is too damned hard for Continental players even to want to come here.

"What gives me satisfaction in football is to play in a certain way, a certain creative, artistic way. A first division player will play 50 or 60 matches in a season: it is very difficult, perhaps impossible, to play every match in that way, to play as I want to play in every one of those matches."

Hoddle believes that winning is important but that winning in the right kind of way is even important: a concept too spacey for most footballing types to embrace. "English sides like to play it fast and hectic. It is difficult for an artistic player to play in this system. But if an artistic player can do it in the English League he can do it anywhere in the world." There is half a chance that Hoddle will be able to play at his best in Mexico. That is just as well. Half a chance is all he will get.

ATHLETICS: WORLD CUP PRESENTS FEAST OF COMPETITION

Australians are confused but event should be spectacular

From Pat Butcher, Canberra

The World Cup, an event which may not be held again because of the increasingly overcrowding athletics calendar, will probably turn out to be one of the best competitions of the year. Starting today, it comes too soon in the Australian season, too late in the European season and offers no prize-money, which explains the absence of some of the top stars, but it involves virtually full strength men's teams from the United States, the Soviet Union and East Germany.

Europe's select team should not be far behind, and the mighty Soviet and East German women will figure in a replay of their European Cup final in Moscow last month.

Like the Grand Prix final in Rome last month, the absence of Steve Cram, Sebastian Coe, Said Aouita and Carl Lewis, has confused the local Press and public.

Nonetheless, the biggest athletics event in Australia since the 1982 Commonwealth Games, with the broadest top class representation since the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, will fill the 25,000-seat stadium in the magnificent Australian Institute of Sport complex during the next three days.

And, unlike so many of the independent spectaculars, which often relied on one or two events with at most two athletes in a world record chase, the World Cup, like the exciting European Cup final in Moscow, operates on both the individual and the team level.

Witness today's 400 metres hurdles. Andre Phillips, of the United States Aleksander Vasilyev, of the Soviet Union, and Harlad Schmid for Europe have all run under 48 seconds, with Amadou Dia Ba, for Africa, just outside. These four should produce a great race, but the onus is equally on the other quartet of slower men from Asia, Oceania, the Americas and East Germany, to make every place count towards their team score.

Other first day highlights will be in the triple jump, in which Willie Banks, the world record holder, faces Oleg Protsenko and Cristo Markov, both of whom set European records this year, with Volker Mai, also over 17.50 metres, and in the javelin, which features Fatima Whitbread against Petra Felke, the world record holder, amd Maria Colon, the Olympic champion.

In the 400 metres hurdles Sabine Busch and Margarita Khromova, the new and former world record holders, are up against Nawal El Moutawakil, the Olympic champion. Imrich Bugar and Luis Delis are in the discus, Natalya Lisovskaya and Helena Fibingerova in the shot; Kirk Baptiste, Ben Johnson, Frank Emmelann and Marian Woronin in the 100 metres, Marita Koch in the 200 metres and Doina Melinte is in the 1,500 metres.

Russ Rodgers, the United States men's team manager, described the recent four-day joint training camp with the Soviet team as "one of the great experiences of my life". That was after the match in Tokyo two weeks ago when the United States men won. Coming just over a month after the Soviet men (and women) beat the East Germans in the European Cup for the first time since the late 1960s, that is the measure of what to expect from the competition.

Three East Germans have set world records since then, and the Europe select team, who won the men's match last time, in Rome in 1981, are still looking quite good without Coe and Cram.

Jarmila Kratochvilova, of Czechoslovakia, the 400 and 800 metres world champion and record holder, has confirmed here that this World Cup would be her last main outdoor games.

RUGBY UNION: THE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE A THANKLESS TASK

Law of no returns for referees

By Gerald Davies

It might be that George Crawford was right: the plight of the referee needs to be highlighted in more than the few lines at the bottom of a paragraph which he felt is unjustly inadequate to promote his case.

This week a Welsh player from Abersychan has been banned for life by the Welsh District Rugby Union for striking a referee after a sevens tournament in August. Another incident, which is being investigated by the Welsh Rugby Union, is that of a referee who, in sorting out a violent melee of players, got his arm broken. With such outrageous cases the rugby referee might rightly query as to why he should wish to spend so much time on a seemingly questionable pastime.

At the rough and ready end of many an unkind word and ungenerous gesture, it appears a thankless way of spending spare hours on a Saturday afternoon. Often appearing in an unflattering role, he has the unenviable task of casting light on the tortuous twists and turns of a governing set of laws which can frustrate and interfere with its overriding principles of running and passing. In addition, for every transgression he sees and judgement he makes, there are half a dozen more to which others unhappily draw his attention.

Players may have the best intentions but, like others who follow the game, they are often ignorant of the remoter aspects of the law, particularly with the international board's continuing habit of modifying these each season. Invariably it is the referee who is the only man on the field who remains acquainted fully with them and who has the task of administering them to such advantage as the thirty players can get on with the business of winning or losing the match.

Difficulties can arise when some referees are so technically proficient in the application of the letter of the law that the game barely lifts beyond the pattern established in the first scrum or line-out.

Others are so sentimentally lenient to what they interpret as the spirit of the game that a match can literally run away from being a significant contest. At best it is a matter of striking a balance. If a match fails to reach its potential the culprit is not so much the solitary mister with a whistle in his hand, or the players in fact, as the nature of the sport itself.

And when he sees eye-to-eye with those on the field, the hapless referee has to contend with those on the terraces, too, who are often prompted to disagree with him. It is, in the current jargon, a no-win situation.

In this respect on Wednesday evening, Gareth Symmonds, a young referee who is already talked about as being of international panel material, was given a rough ride in the first twenty minutes of the match between Pontypool and Swansea. The match itself was played in good spirits and yet during that initial period no facet of play went by without some doubts being cast on the competence of the man in charge. To his credit, he kept his head and while others off the field were in deadly ernest, he smiled. He had braved the wind and pelting rain of the wintry night to enjoy himself too, if they could only have understood, and could have happily done without the abuse.

"We are already short of good referees" says Clive Norling "but with the amount of publicity we are getting at the moment, it makes our task of recruiting young people all the more difficult". It is a very serious concern for him that club committee men now feel it necessary to condemn referees publicly.

Table talk

The 12 English clubs who want to form a third merit table are worried that their case has been prejudged by the Rugby Football Union. Taffy Thomas, the chairman of the proposed merit table "C", said yesterday he was astonished that the RFU secretary, Bob Weighill, should make statements before the matter had been dealt with today by the RFU executive.

Thomas said: "We are concerned that the RFU secretary should say that we cannot form a merit table "C" when he is not prepared to make a written statement to us until after the executive committee meeting." Weighill had said that the RFU did not object to the formation of a league but they would not want it called merit table "C"

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L. J. GILROY,
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IN THE MATTER OF T. JOHNSTONE BUILDING CONTRACTORS LIMITED
by Order of the High Court of Justice dated 14th day of March 1985.

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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Citroën's graceful lines are still a delight

It is now 11 years since Citröen introduced the CX, the replacement for the legendary Traction Avant and DS models. In that time, it has been revised and polished to such an extent that it now seems impossible to improve the breed further without investing in an entirely new model. But fine tuning is what Paris has done yet again and will have to continue doing for the next three years according to my sources in the company.

The trouble is the CX has been around so long that we have become accustomed to its beautiful lines. Yet it was so far ahead of today's herd of airodynamically dictated designs that if it had just been launched we should be greeting it with coos of delight. And that I suppose is both the reward and the risk of being a creator rather than a follower of fashion.

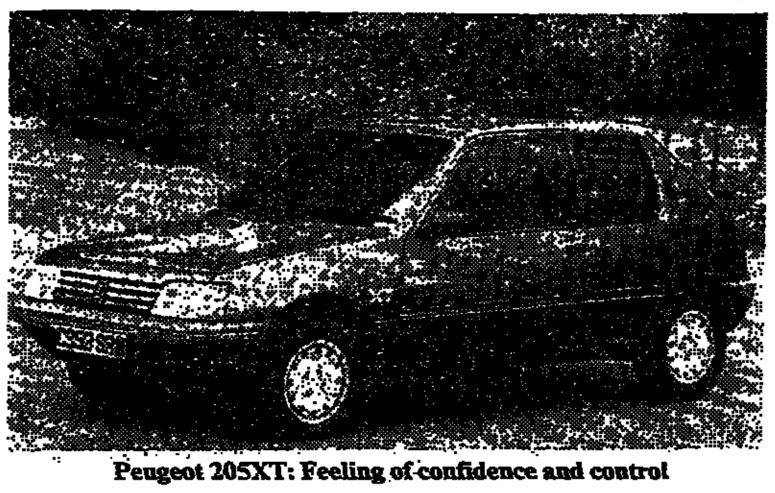
The 1986 CX models will be recognised by their new plastic wrap around bumpers come-air spoilers which are colour keyed to the body. Side lights and indicator assemblies are now housed in the front bumper.

The more significant changes are inside. The interior lay-out has been completely redesigned. The famous twin-binnacles carrying most of the car's switch gear controls have been simplified yet again and now take only minutes rather than days to become accustomed to. There is a large deep shelf making an ideal home for a handbag and the dashboard display is less cluttered and more easily visible.

Regular Citröen drivers will find the seats noticeably firmer. Although still not on a par with German tastes the change will be much appreciated by those of us who felt that the big Citröen's superb suspension gave a good enoughride without the need for sloppy seats. They now provide more adequate side support during cornering.

The suspension itself has also been firmed up with diameter roll bars and stiffer dampers. On a brief run the car felt much more responsive and the ride was as good as ever.

The range has been strengthened by a newcomer, the 22TRs powered by a newly developed 2.2 litre version of the V6 alloy engine shared with Volvo and Renault. At £9,290 it is intended to fill a gap which Citröen has identified between the cheapest CX the 2 litre 20RE costing £8,452 and the 25GTi at £11,299. There are apparently a lot of professional and company drivers whose choice is restricted to the £9,000 to £10,000 sector.



Peugeot 205XT: Feeling of confidence and control

New BMW

I recently had an opportunity to drive BMW's new 325i, a more powerful replacement for the familiar 323i in ideal conditions in the Valley of the Rhone south of Valence. Someone at BMW had found a combination of little used roads winding through miles of vinyard covered hills yet within easy striking distance of the autoroute.

The severe corners and gradients of the climbs and descents put the new suspension geometry to the sword in a big way while a quick burst on the autoroute showed that the additional power of the 6-cylinder 2494cc engine (197ccs more) has even improved an already relaxing high speed cruiser.

But it is the changes to rear suspension and steering that transformed the 323i making it much sweeter to handle and safer than the old model. In a nutshell it has been given the performance and handling package already available on special orders from the factory. Twin tubed gas filled shock absorbers replace the old hydraulic dampers and the general geometry has been altered to keep more rubber on the road in extreme conditions.

I found it very difficult to pry the rear tyres loose – a problem which earlier models have been prone to.

BMW 325i: Improvements to steering

Yet the engineers have changed the steering to make it easier to turn the car more tightly into a corner and increase the risk of the back end breaking away. This has been done with a new system of varying ratios in the rack and pinion layout. Its intended to reduce effort for large wheel movements such as parking but also comes into its own on corkscrew-like hill climbs.

The straight forward fuel injection of the old model has been replaced by the more advanced Motronic system used on larger BMWs. The company says that is responsible for a minimum increase in fuel consumption despite 14 per cent more power. The three series accounts for 60 per cent of BMW sales in Britain starting with the sparsely equipped 316 at £7,750 and ending with £11,495 for the new 325i, an increase of some £600. Despite this, Mr Paul Lazell, managing director of BMW (GB) is confident that he will sell 3,850 of them in the next 12 months, nearly double the old model sales.

Peugeot 205XT

The Peugeot 205 is setting such a hot pace in European markets that it has become one of the outstanding Superminis of the last 10 years. To cash in on this popularity the company has recently extended its already comprehensive range of 205s from 10 to 12 models. The new 205XL is simply a better trimmed version of the very basic three door 954cc XE. The new XT on the other hand is a much more significant newcomer.

It has the same 80bhp 1360cc engine as the GT but at £5,895 is £450 cheaper and that brings it under the all-important £6,000 ceiling. You get only two doors compared with the GT's four but a driver with sporty pretentions sometimes sees that as an advantage.

Peugeot tested demand with the limited edition Lacoste introduced earlier this summer. It sold so well that it has been put into production as the XT – yet another lesson for buyers of so-called "Limited edition" cars. Their exclusivity is all too frequently short lived and nothing more than a ploy to test market a new version at the motorist's expenses.

Nevertheless I enjoyed my week with the XT. The big engine in a small body makes it very nippy. The 205 can handle much more power. The 1580cc fuel injected 205GTi is now one of Europe's cult cars and certainly the "Hot hatch" to beat on price and performance. But the XT is no slouch. It accelerates from standstill to 62mph in 11.6 seconds and will top 105mph.

Vital statistics

Model: Peugeot 205XT
Price: £5,895
Engine: 1360cc
Performance: 0 to 62mph, 11.6 seconds; max speed, 105mph.
Official Consumption: Urban, 30.7mpg; 56mph, 54.3mpg; 75mph, 40.4mpg.
Length: 21.1 feet
Insurance: Group 4.

Some cars give you a feeling of confidence and control within the first few miles that is difficult to convey in words. It is a combination of driving position, light and responsive controls, stability at speed both in a straight line and during cornering. The XT has it in abundance.

I was less happy, however, about noise at speed, most of it coming from the engine. The problems is the low gearing. With 3,000rpm on the "clock" in fifth gear it is only doing 55mph. I would like to see a bigger spread between fourth and fifth gears. It would make the car infinitely more relaxing on the motorway and would also improve its consumption.

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BIRTHS

AGASS – On October 1st at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford to Mary (née Slack) and Martyn, a son, Jonathan Martyn Harold – a brother for Olivia.

BALLIN – On 29th September, at Queen Charlotte's to Serena (née Gondel) wife of Berlie, a daughter, Chloe Lucinda Charlotte. More trouble for Edward & Annabel.

BERGER – On 28th September to Ann & Steve – a son, Nickolas Bernard.

BICKLE – On September 30th to Kym and David, a son, Thomas Stancliff Gray, brother to Angharad and Sophie Mary thanks to the staff of Princess Margaret Maternity Hospital.

CRAWFORD – On October 2nd to Mary and Alastair a son George Anthony John Stuart, a brother for Louise Antonia and Alice.

DARLOW. – On October 1st to Jo (née Speirs) and Paul a daughter – (Georgia Kate).

DONALDSON. – On Monday, September 30th, to Tessa (née Nurney) and Nicholas a son, Thomas Mark Eden, a brother for Hugo.

FLACK. – On 2nd October, to Norma (née Roberts) and Ian – a daughter Charlotte Elizabeth, sister for Faye Elizabeth, Wayne Leslie and Bradley Howard.

HEGARTY. – On September 30, 1985, to Sheelah (née Fox) and Richard – a daughter (Jayne Rebecca) a sister for William Andrew.

HILTON. – On September 19th at West London Hospital to Cyndy (Miles) and Anthony Hilton, a son, Michael James.

KENNON. – On 2nd Oct to Mary (née Gambin) & Andrew a son, Stuart.

LAUNDY – On 28th September, to Gill (née Routledge) and Trevor, a daughter Kay Louise.

LLOYD-THOMAS. – On Sept 25, to Patricia (née Toway) and Adrian, a daughter (Sarah Katherine).

MAITLAND – On October 2nd at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Reiko (née Okano) and James, a daughter. (Rachel Mariko).

MOORE. – On Sept 11 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Susan (née Clayton) and Mark, a daughter (Caroline).

MOSSOP. – On 2nd October at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Annie (née Kimpton) and Guy, a daughter, Georgina.

PILKINGTON. – On October 2nd to Celia and Nigel, a daughter.

RISK. – On Sept 30 to Mitzie (née Hoon) & Timothy – a son, Lyle John Crawford.

SHORTT. – On Sept 30 to Cathy & Nigel – a beautiful daughter, Karen Elisabeth, a sister for Sarah.

SMALLWOOD – On September 3 in Brussels to Anthony and Susan a son, James Christian Oliver.

STEVENS. – On September 27, to Elizabeth (née Bevis) and Julian, a daughter, Harriet Lucinda Elizabeth.

STIBBARD – On September 29th, to Diane (née Brocklehurst) and Paul, a daughter, Helena, a grand-daughter for Olga.

STONE – On September 30th to Peter and Alison (née Moffett), a daughter Isabel Charlotte, a sister for Oliver, Helena and Robert.

VAN DER STEEN. – On 2nd October to Rachel (née McMillan Scott) and Allen, a daughter.

WATT – On September 28th in Vancouver, Canada, to Alison (née Logan) and Robert, a daughter, Catherine Nicola Logan, a sister for Michael.

BIRTHDAYS

GILLIAN LAWSON is 18 today. Love and best wishes from, Mum, Dad, Matthew and Sam.

LISA WEDGEWORTH is 4 years old today. Happy Birthday from Mummy, Daddy and Toby.

LOUIS KELLY is 26 today. Congratulations from the family.

SELENA JANE HEATH is 18 today. Congratulations. Love from Mummy, Daddy, Rachel and Bubbles.

MARRIAGES

TOMPKINS : HIGGINSON. The marriage took place on Saturday, September 21st, at Trinity Church, Claughton, between John Leonard Paul, 2nd son of Mr & Mrs M J G Tompkins and Susan Elizabeth Mary, only daughter of Mr & Mrs G A Higginson both of Oxton, Birkenhead.

DEATHS

AMBROSE – On 30th September 1985, at Cuckfield Hospital, Sussex, Kezia Rose, aged 82 years. Wife of the late George Ambrose, beloved sister of Ellen Blamey and dear aunt to Michael, John and Pauline. Funeral service at Worth Crematorium, nr Horley on 14th October at 2.45 p.m. Flowers to Masters & Sons Ltd, 20 High St, Lindfield, Sussex.

BIGGS. On October 2nd, peacefully at The Jubilee Home, Alderney, CI, Gwendoline Mabel Eleanor Cremation at Foulon, Guernsey, on Monday, October 7th, at 4 pm.

CAMPBELL. – At Christchurch, New Zealand, on 2nd October, 1985, Maggie (Margaret), dear wife of late Louis Campbell, 4th Baronette of Auchinbreck.

CARADON, FLORENCE SYLVIA CARADON (née Tod), wife of Lord Caradon. Suddenly of a heart attack in London on Wednesday 2nd October.

CHANTRILL. – On 2nd Oct suddenly at home, Guy aged 72 years, beloved husband of Elizabeth and much loved father of Roderick, Amanda and Angela. Funeral Lichfield Cathedral 2.30pm, Monday 7 Oct followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to either Friends of Lichfield Cathedral or St Giles Hospice, Whittington, near Lichfield.

CLAYTON. – On October 1st, 1985, John Michael Curtis Clayton, much loved husband of Kay and father of John, Virginia and Richard. Funeral service 2pm Tuesday, October 8th at Longstock Church, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research, c/o A. H. Chester, Funeral Directors, Romsey.

COOKSLEY. On Oct 2nd suddenly in hospital Barbara Mary of Crickhowell, Powys, mother of Mark & Jane. Funeral at St Peters, Llanbedr at noon on Monday, Oct 7th.

DIXON. – On 1st October peacefully at Ventnor I O W, Catherine Townley, aged 94 years, late of Jerusalem and Formby Lancs. Last surviving daughter of the late Mr and Mrs F E M Dixon of Formby. Funeral I. O. W. Crematorium, 11 00 am, Monday 7th October.

GLADSTONE – On 1st October, Winifred Rosamond at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford in her 87th year, widow of the late Frederick Charles and much loved mother of Anne and David, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at St Marys Church, Bampton near Oxford on Tuesday the 8th of October at 3.30 pm. No flowers but donations if desired to The Secretary, St Lukes Nursing Home, Headington, OX3 7PF.

HARTLEY. – On September 29, suddenly at home, Christine Mary (nee Cambell-Thomson) aged 88. Sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Monday, October 7th at 2.30pm. Memorial service at Exton Church on Saturday, October 26 at 3pm. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 2 Grove Road, Fareham.

HAYNES – On October 1, 1985 at Poole General Hospital, after a distressing illness borne with courage, Miriam Haynes, MBE, aged 86, of 55, East Street, Wareham, Dorset. Funeral service Wednesday October 9 at 12.15 pm, at Bournemouth Crematorium. Family flowers only please, to the funeral directors Derik Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 758, Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, to whom donations from her friends for The Cheshire Home, The Grange, Parkstone, may also be sent.

HICKS – On 29th September, peacefully at St Helier Hospital, Sutton, Albert Thomas Hicks, beloved husband of Daisy, father of David and Alan, grandfather of Andrew and Gus. Cremation, Friday, October 4th at North East Surrey Crematorium at 11.30am.

KROLL – On 1st October, 1985 at St Thomas' Hospital, Sophie Augusta, daughter of Nicholas and Catherine Kroll, aged 2½ days.

MACDONALD-TAYLOR, MARGARET S ARCA, Hon. FRIBA, of Dial House, Crendon St, High Wycombe on 30th September. Funeral service 12 noon Wednesday the 9th October at the Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham. Dial house family flowers only.

MACKENZIE-GRIEVE. – On October 1st, peacefully, Ursula Sutherland, much loved wife of the late Capt J. S. M. Mackenzie-Grieve, RN, and mother of John, Sally and Colin. Thanksgiving service St Nicholas Church, Tolleshunt d'Arcy, at 11.15am on Wednesday 9th October after private cremation. No flowers please, but donations to St Elena Hospice, Colchester, Essex.

MORRIS – On Sunday September 27th, Helen Marion Morris, suddenly but peacefully at Cheltenham. The youngest daughter of the late Rev and Mrs John Simon Morris, one time Vicar of Endon. The funeral will be held at Endon Church on Tuesday, October 8th at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to the church, or donations to the authors foundation, c/o The Society of Authors, 84, Drayton Gardens, SW10. Her smile and laughter will be missed by all who knew her.

MORROW – On October 2nd, peacefully, Dr Ian Fitzherbert Despard, aged 89. Much missed by his children and grandchildren.

DEATHS

MUSIC. – Gail. Suddenly and peacefully on 2nd October. Dear wife of Leslie and loving mother of Jill and David. Sadly missed by all her family and friends.

PARKES. – On September 26th, John Joseph Parkes, CBE, O St J, AE, C.Eng, FRAeS, Royal Auxiliary Airforce (retd), husband of Maria Jeanette, father of the late Michael and of Annabel and John. Family funeral, donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Fund or St Peters Church, Charsfield, Woodbridge. No letters please.

RAHMAN, – Dr Najeeb, A. (former senior lecturer mathematical statistics, Leicester University) of 2 Knighton Rise, Leicester, on Thursday 26 Sept 85.

ROOKE LEY. – Henry. On 28 Sept at Trinity Hospice, Clapham. Funeral 9.30am, St Agatha's R.C. Church, Kingston, October 4.

ROPER-DRIMIE, GEORGE CHARLES. – On Oct 2 in Scottburgh, South Africa, beloved husband of Patricia.

SALIBI – On 28th September 1985, in hospital, Khalil Sleiman Salibi, beloved husband of Barbara and son of Dr Sleiman and Salwa Salibi and brother to Sami, Dr Bahij, Dr Kamal, Munir and sister Samiya Salibi-Dghir and father of Kamal and Hani. Service at Greek Orthodox Chapel, 5 Craven Hill, W2 on Friday, 4th October at 11.30 a.m. Burial at Kensington Cemetery, Gunnersbury Avenue, W3 at 1 p.m. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 49 Marloes Rd, London W8 or donations to Dr Fuad Freiha, Division of Urology Research Fund, Stanford University Medical Centre, Palo Alto, California, 94305, USA.

STRUTT – The Right Reverend Rupert Gordon, formerley Bishop of Stockport, in Hospital whilst on holiday in Vancouver on 1 Oct 1985. Aged 73. Funeral private. Memorial service later in Canterbury Cathedral.

THOMAS – On October 2nd at Heavitree Hospital, Exeter, Trevor Cawdor Thomas, M.A., LL.B., Hon LL.D., Hon F D.S., R.C.S., aged 71. Beloved husband of Margory. Funeral service St Giles Church, Sidbury, on Thursday, October 10th at 10.30 a.m. and committal at Exeter and Devon Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to Cancer Research, Willowcroft, Redwood Road, Sidmouth. Memorial service in Cambridge later.

TYLER – On September 30th, suddenly in Clifton, John Maurice Yalland Tyler, beloved husband of Jennifer, very dear brother of Barbara, Monica and Muffet and dear cousin of Patricia and Robin. Liberavi animam meam.

WILSON – On October 1st 1985, George D. D. Wilson suddenly at home, 69 Shelton Road, Shrewsbury. Beloved husband of Jean (née Copo) beloved and devoted father of Alasdair, David, Ian & Duncan. Father-in-law to Carol. Funeral service at Oxon Church, Shrewsbury on Saturday October 5th at 9.45 am, followed by cremation. Flowers or if preferred donations to Coronary Care Unit at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors W R R Pugh & Son, 135 Longden, Coleham, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Tel. 0743 4646.

WYATT. – On Tuesday October 1st, 1985, at her home, Church Gates, Wisborough Green, Sussex, Georgina Bettina Penfold (Toma). Last surviving daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J A P Wyatt of Harsfold. Much loved aunt and great aunt. Cremation private followed by service of thanksgiving at St Peter-ad-Vincula, Wisborough Green, 12.30pm Tuesday, October 8th. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to Samaritans, 21 Denne Rd, Horsham, Sussex.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FENN – A Memorial Service for the life of Geoffrey Fenn will be held in the Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square, London, WC1, on Monday, 14 October, 1985, at 12.30 pm.

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BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**

6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Nick Ross and Debbie Greenwood. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; pop video review at 7.32; Lynn Faulds Wood's consumer report at 8.15; and a review of the morning newspapers at 7.37 and 8.37. Plus, Emlyn Hughes with suggestions on cleaning up England's football image; shopping advice from Glynn Christian; gardening hints from Alan Titchmarsh; and reports from the Labour Party Conference. The guest is Nicholas Parsons.

9.20 **Labour Party Conference 1985.** The closing session.

10.30 **Play School,** (r).

10.50 **Labour Party Conference 1985.** Further coverage of the final session.

12.30 approximately **News After Noon** with Ed Mitchell and Moira Stuart, followed by news headlines with subtitles. 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from Bill Giles.

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One** includes a preview of this week-end's Festival of Punch and Judy in Covent Garden. 1.45 **Camberwick Green.** A See-Saw programme for the very young (r). 2.00 **Ceefax.**

3.15 **Songs of Praise for Harvest** from the Methodist Central Hall, Grimsby (shown on Sunday) (Ceefax). 3.52 Regional news.

3.55 **Little Misses and the Mister Men.** Pauline Collins and John Alderton with Little Miss Helpful; Arthur Lowe with Mister Fussy (r). 4.10 **Yogi Bear.** Cartoon series (r). 4.15 **Beat the Teacher.** Quiz game presented by Paul Jones. 4.30 **The Family-Ness** (r).

4.40 **Film: The Battle of Billy's Pond** (1976). Two young anglers find dead fish in their favourite pond. Their investigations into the cause of the pollution leads them to a number of dangerous places. Directed by Harby Cokliss.

5.35 **International Athletics.** World Cup action from Canberra.

6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** The guests include Sade, Fleur Cowles, Dr Jenny Colbourne, and Nicholas Ball.

7.40 **Blankety Blank.** Les Dawson's panel this week consists of Fern Britton, Bill Buckley, Lesley Judd, Lance Percival, Jean Rook and Norman Vaughan.

8.15 **Dynasty.** A bitter rift appears between Blake and Krystle after Blake confronts Krystle with a compromising photograph; Alexis encourages Amanda to keep her tabs on Prince Michael; and Dex and Daniel set out together on a mysterious trip (Ceefax).

9.00 **News** with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

9.25 **Murder of a Moderate Man.** The fifth and final episode of the political thriller and Morgan Hunter-Brown is at last unravelling the facts. He finds out who is doing what and why, but will he be able to stop the chain of events? (Ceefax).

10.25 **Paul Daniels: This is Your Lunch.** Highlights of a lunch in celebration of the man of magic's 1985 Montreux Television Festival award.

11.00 **Film: Return of Sabata** (1977) starring Lee Van Cleef and Reiner Schone. Western adventure about a former American Civil War veteran who is reduced to trick shooting in a travelling circus. One day he meets the man who owes him $5,000 and the real lead is fired in earnest. Directed by Frank Kramer.

12.45 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Sally Jones at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20 and 8.17; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; Popeye cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Nigel Dempster's gossip at 8.17; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.34; Monica Dickens interview at 9.04. The guests include Melvyn Bragg.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames news headlines.**

9.30 **For Schools:** coping with sadness. 9.47 Celebrating bank holidays in the past. 10.09 Junior maths. 10.26 Ways of looking for jobs. 10.48 Episode three of The Caucasian Chalk Circle. 11.15 At a health centre during surgery time. 11.27 Granny looks after the children. 11.44 Classifying jobs.

12.00 **Heggerty Haggerty.** George Cole with another story about the friendly witch (r). 12.10 **Rainbow.** Learning with puppets and guest, David Troughton (Oracle).

12.30 **Six Centuries of English Verse.** Chaucer's work spoken magnificently by Gary Watson in the original Middle-English (r).

1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 **Thames news.**

1.30 **International Athletics.** The IAAF World Cup from Canberra. 2.30 **Snooker.** The opening frames of the second semifinal of the Goya Matchroom Trophy. 3.55 **Thames news headlines.**

4.00 **Rainbow.** A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10. 4.15 **Doris.** Cartoon adventures of a cat. 4.25 **Starstrider** with teams representing schools in London, Leeds and Glasgow. 4.50 **Illusions.** Fergus Roy continues his series on the history of magic.

5.15 **Blockbusters.**

5.45 **News** with Carol Barnes.

6.00 **The 6 O'Clock Show.** Michael Aspel and his team take a look at the lighter side of London life.

7.00 **Albion Market.** Poor old Joe gets it in the neck when Geoff decides to take the law into his own hands (Oracle).

7.30 **We Love TV,** presented by Gloria Hunniford. The celebrity team of Keith Barron and Joanna Van Gyseghem are challenged in a test of television knowledge by Nat and Maggie Czarnocha of Harrow. Also on the programme are Patrick Macnee and Chuck Wagner (r) (Oracle).

8.00 **South of the Border.** Comedy series starring Brian Glover as the northerner reluctantly removed to the south when his daughter changes jobs (Oracle).

8.30 **Play Your Cards Right,** presented by Bruce Forsyth. Competitors test their knowledge of public opinion and their luck at the turn of a card.

9.00 **Drummonds.** Drama serial set in a preparatory school during the Fifties (Oracle).

10.00 **News at Ten** with Sandy Gall and Pamela Armstrong.

10.30 **The Making of Modern London – London at War 1939-1945.** Londoners recall the time in 1944 when doodlebugs first began to raid the city.

11.00 **Snooker.** The closing frames of the second semifinal in the Goya Matchroom Trophy.

12.15 **Trapper John.** Medical drama about a mother, waiting to be operated on, who wants her son to be near her. What should the doctors do when they discover that the teenager is an alcoholic? Starring Pernell Roberts.

1.05 **Night Thoughts.**

Fassbinder's Fox and His Friends (Channel 4, 11.30 pm)

CHOICE

● Mrs Thatcher would probably love to take the nation's Moaning Minnies by the scruff of the neck and force them to watch **NOW THE WAR IS OVER** (BBC2, 9.30pm) because it deals with deprivation in post-war Britain. Plenty to moan about then, all right, what with Knights of the Garter having to wear ceremonial hats made up out of grandma's old skirt; humbler folk covering their heads with bits of old carpet; brides having to wear pink because there were no white gowns left; roast beaver on the menu at Boodles; horsemeat at the butchers'; unwanted stocks of an unloved South African fish called snoek at the grocers'; and kiddies biting through the skins of strange things called bananas because they did not know any better. Moaning Minnies were not unknown, of course, but they gained respectability through unity and called themselves the Housewives League, and campaigned for the end of controls. Cripps called them unpatriotic, but in the austere Britain he helped to create, that was almost a compliment.

● There are two sound reasons for watching John Ford's 1966 film **SEVEN WOMEN** (BBC2, 11.55pm). For one thing, it was Ford's last movie, and although the veteran director's powers were fast waning when he made it, the film does contain the last echoes of his rugged humanitarianism and therefore, if only for that reason alone, it has an historic significance. The other good reason for watching *Seven Women* is that one of them is played by Anne Bancroft.

● Also recommended: the final instalment of John Howlett's corpse-littered thriller **MURDER OF A MODERATE MAN** (BBC1, 9.25pm), which I thought lost only a little of its initial style as it went along; and the return of **DID YOU SEE...?** (BBC2, 10.10pm), which owes much of its authoritative tone to the chairmanship of Ludovic Kennedy, the scourge of many a visiting critic who has tried to hide his/her unsuitability in a cloud of affectation.

● I cannot let the first 20 years of **THE WORLD AT ONE** (Radio 4, 1.00pm) pass without wishing it at least another 20 years of vigorous existence. It is not certain how much of today's anniversary edition will be given over to nostalgia, but if I know this programme, it will briskly get on with the affairs of today after briefly recognizing the seminal events and voices of yesterday.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**

9.35 **Daytime on Two:** Industrial Italy. 9.52 Part two of Dark Towers. 10.15 Maths: the importance of zero. 10.38 History: a true story of an Essex peasant caught up in the Peasants' Revolt of 1381. 11.00 Three schoolchildren stroll through the centre of Glasgow. 11.22 Wealth and poverty in Sao Paulo, Brazil's richest and fastest-growing city. 11.44 The effect of starting work for the first time.

12.05 Computers for beginners. 12.35 Part two of an examination of the office of the future (ends at 1.00). 1.10 *Darwin* and his theory of Evolution. 1.33 Teenagers investigate some of the divisions within British society. 2.00 The perilous world of the stuntman. 2.30 Part one of Sheelagh Delaney's A Taste of Honey, starring Sara Sugerman and Jane Freeman.

3.00 **Ceefax.**

5.10 **News Summary** with subtitles. Weather.

5.15 **Monkey.** Monkey storms off in a huff when is is rebuked by his companions for arguing with a Taoist monk (r).

6.00 **Film: Tarzan's Secret Treasure*** (1941) starring Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan. Boy, threatened by members of the savage Ubardi tribe, is rescued by a scientific expedition led by a Professor Elliott. Directed by Richard Thorpe.

7.20 **Under Sail.** The story of the 60-year-old Spanish schooner, Pascal Flores. (r).

7.35 **With a Little Help from the Chip.** The sixth and final programme in the series examining how micro-technology can help the disabled (Ceefax).

8.00 **King's Country.** Wildlife photographer, Simon King, captures the countryside in winter (first shown on BBC South).

8.30 **Gardeners' World,** from Kings Ripton near Huntingdon where David Urquhart specialises in dealing with heavy clay soils.

9.00 **My Music.** Benny Green and Ian Wallace meet Frank Muir partnered by John Amis, in another round of the lighthearted musical quiz.

9.30 **Now the War is Over.** Part two of the series of eight films about Britain from 1945 to 1951. (see Choice).

10.10 **Did You See ...?** The first of a new season and Ludovic Kennedy is joined by Graham Chapman, Ken Russell and Sally Cooklin. They comment on In Sickness and in Health, Probation, and Channel 4's Eleventh Hour: Video.

10.55 **Newsnight.** 11.50 **Weather.**

11.55 **Film: Seven Women** (1966) starring Anne Bancroft and Sue Lyon. Drama about a group of women living in an isolated mission on the Chinese-Mongolian border in the mid-Thirties that is attacked by a Mongolian warrior. Directed by John Ford (see Choice) Ends at 1.25.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 **Conference '85.** Coverage of the final session of the Labour Party Conference **12.30 Close.**

2.30 **Channel Four Racing from Newmarket.** Brough Scott introduces four races – the Westley Maiden Stakes (2.35); the Somerville Tattersall Stakes (3.10); the Tolly Cobbold Handicap (3.40); and the Rous Stakes (4.10).

4.30 **The People's Court.** Judge Joseph Wapner rules in the cases of the Telephone Bill Hang-up and the Top That Ran.

5.00 **I Dream of Jeannie.** Vintage American comedy series starring Larry Hagman and Barbara Eden.

5.30 **Bliss.** The final programme of the series, presented by Muriel Gray. King Kurt interviews Davey Henderson; there is film of Wham's visit to China; and videos of Dead or Alive and Dexy's Midnight Runners. The guest presenter is Gian Sammarco.

6.20 **Soul Train.** For this last programme of the series Jeffrey Daniels introduces a selection of the best performances seen on the programme during the past six months. These include Loose Ends, Sister Sledge Five Star and the Stylistics.

7.00 **Channel Four news** with Peter Sissons. Weather.

7.30 **Right to Reply.** Yvette Vanson, producer of Battle for Orgreave, defends the programme against a viewer's accusation that it was dishonest. Plus, what happened to the American Football results?

8.00 **What the Papers Say.** The Guardian's Jane McLaughlin casts a critical eye over how the Press has been treating the week's news.

8.15 **A Week in Politics,** A report on how the Labour Party chooses its women; and pre-conference interview with Leon Brittan.

9.00 **Tell the Truth,** presented by Graeme Garden. One of three people is telling the truth. Beverly Anderson, George Layton, Libby Purves and Jack Tinker try to discover who.

9.30 **Gardeners' Calendar,** introduced by Hannah Gordon. Harry Baker, Wisley's fruit officer, selects a number of different apple trees that are easy to grow in the garden. (r).

10.00 **The Four Seasons.** American comedy series about four Californian friends (Oracle).

10.30 **Budgie.** The last programme of the series and our hero, whose IQ never reaches room temperature, picks up the wrong case in Charlie Endell's office thereby putting himself in the 'most wanted' category.

11.30 **Film: Fox and His Friends** (1975) written, directed and starring Rainer Werner Fassbinder as an unloved carnival performer who is seduced by a homosexual who only wants him for the fortune he won in a lottery. From the season of films chosen by the film critic of The Times, David Robinson. Ends at 1.40.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.†

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Letters.

8.43 An Episode in Married Life. Story by George Moore, read by Lynn Farleigh. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.†

9.45 Feedback. Anthony Howard with listeners' comments about BBC programmes.

10.00 News; International Assignment. Reports from BBC reporters around the world.

10.30 Morning Story: Eejits, by Michael Rafferty. Reader: Sean Barrett.

10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 13).†

11.00 News; Travel; You the Jury. Dick Taverne, QC, chairs a debate on the motion: Restrictions on religious slaughter would be unfair to British Jews. The motion is proposed by Greville Janner, and opposed by Don Haxby (r).†

11.48 Natural Selection. Robin Dunbar discovers some animal games.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice, with Pattie Coldwell.

12.27 In One Ear. Comedy show (r).† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Birmingham. Includes an interview with the Chairman of the Professional Association of Nursery Nurses. Also, Sam Dastor reads episode seven of The Village by the Sea, by Anita Desai.

3.00 News; Shirley. Part one of Charlotte Bronte's novel dramatized in six parts, by Betty Davies. With Moir Leslie as Shirley Keeldar (r).†

4.00 News.

4.05 News Huddlines. Roy Hudd laughs at the news. With June Whitfield, Chris Emmett and The Huddliners (new Series) (r).†

4.30 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan presents the arts magazine (first heard last night). Topics include the film Life Force, Susan Kay's book legacy, and the National Youth Dance Theatre (interview with Ann Nugent) (r).

5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 News and Financial Report.

6.30 Going Places. Clive Jacobs monitors the world of travel and transport.

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Pick of the Week. Margaret Howard's selection of TV and radio extracts.†

8.20 Stop Press. Nigel Rees hears from journalists – and their victims.

8.45 Any Questions? James Prior, Harriet Harman, Lord Chapple and David Sainsbury join John Timpson in Marchwood, Southampton.†

9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.

9.45 Kaleidoscope, Arts magazine presented by Nigel Andrews. Includes comment on the film Prizzi's Harbour, and John Boorman's book Money into Light. There is also an interview with Mitsuko Uchida.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway (final part). Read by William Roberts. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news.

12.00 News; Weather.

12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Singing Together.† 11.20 Introducing Geography. 11.40 Music Box.† 11.50 See For Yourself. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 Let's Join In. 2.25 Listen and Read. 2.40 Listen! 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Radio Geography – Home or Away. 12.30 Calcutta. 12.50 Mannheim.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: McCunn's overture The Land of the Moutain and Flood (SNO); John Parry's Variations on Of Noble Race was Shenkin, and Sonata No 2 (Sioned Williams, harp); Finzi's Clarinet Concerto (Denman/New Philharmonia).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concerto (contd): Dowland's Captain Digorie Piper, his Pavan and Galliard (Extempore String Ensemble); Purcell's Suite in G, Z 770 (Leonhardt Consort); J C Bach's Symphony in G, Op 8 No 2 (Netherlands CO); Schumann's Andante and Variations in B flat (Ashkenazy, piano; Frager, piano; Fleming, cello; Weill, cello, and Tuckwell, horn; Berlioz overture Waverley (SNO).† 9.0 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Janacek. Concertino (Crossley, piano/London sinfonietta); Act 3 of The Makropulos Case (Soderstrom, Zitek, Vitkova, Blachut, Dvorsky, Czakova, with Vienna PO).†

10.00 Liszt and Webern: Barry Douglas (piano) plays Liszt's Petrarch Sonnets 47 and 104; Webern's Variations; Liszt's Après une lecture du Dante.†

10.45 Laugham Chamber Orchestra (under Nicholas Braithwaite). Mozart's Six Kontretanze, K 462; Copland's Quiet City; Ives's The Unanswered Questions; Dittersdorf's Symphony in A minor.†

11.40 Horn and Piano: Jonathan Williams (horn) and Julian Jacobson (piano). Dukas's Villanelle; Beethoven's Sonata in F, Op 17; Poulenc's Elégie.†

12.15 Ulster Orchestra (under Kenneth Montgomery). With Raphael Wallfisch (cello) and Peter Sweeney (organ). Part 1. Boellmann's Fantaisie dialoguée for organ and orchestra; Op 35, Franck's Redemption; Saint-Saens' Concerto for cello and orchestra, No 2 in D.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Concert: part two. Fauré's Elegie, arranged for cello and orchestra; Widor's Symphony No 1 in F, Op 16.†

1.40 Fiona Doble: The soprano, in a recital with Graham Johnson (piano) and Andrew Marriner (clarinet). The works include Schubert's La Pastorella al Prato; Brahams's Sagt mir, O schonste Schafrin mein; Wolf's Die Sprode; and Schubert's Der Hirt auf dem Felsen.

2.25 Fauré: Piano Quartet No 1 in C minor, Op 15. Played by the Pasquier Trio.†

3.00 BBC Welsh SO (under Jukka-Pekka Saraste). Klami's Kalevala Suite, Op 23; Sibelius's Symphony No 3.†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Southwark Cathedral.† 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: David Hoult presents a programme of recorded music.

6.30 Guitar Music: Leo Witoszynskj plays Bach's Suite, BMV 995; Muthspiel's Tonspiel, No 1.†

7.00 William Hurlstone: Sonata in D major. Played by Charles and Susan Tunnell, cello and piano.†

7.30 European Music Year Conductors's Seminar: BBC Philharmonic. Braham's Variation on the St Anthony Chorale; Debussy's Jeux; poéme dansé. The conductors are members of the seminar.

8.10 Poetry Now: Alan Brownjohn presents new verse. The readers are Ann Rye and Paul Webster.

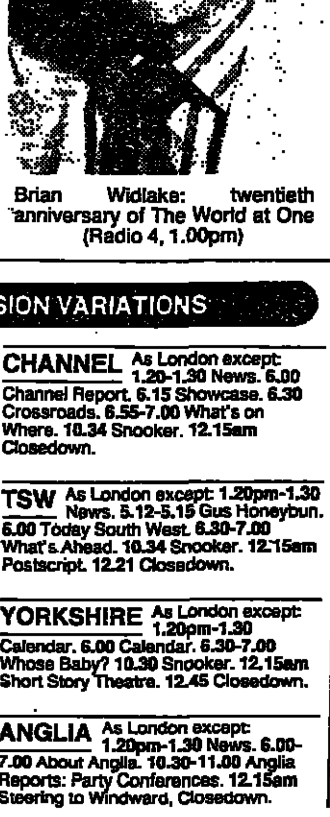
8.30 European Music Year Conductors' Seminar: part two. Copland's El Salon Mexico; Rachmaninov's Three Symphonic Dances.

9.30 We Have our Methods: Peter Evans reports on the ninth biennial meetiq of the American philosophy of Science Association, in Chicago.

10.15 Beethoven: Lindsay String Quartet play the Op 127 in E flat.†

11.00 Carl Nielson Symphonies: The No 2, played by Danish State Radio SO; and Sleep, Op 18 (Danish Radio Chorus and SO).†

11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.



Brian Widlake: twentieth anniversary of The World at One (Radio 4, 1.00pm)

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00 pm). Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 4.0 am Martin Kelner.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young (legal questions answered by Andrew Phillips)† incl 11.02, 12.02 pm Sports Desk. 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford† incl 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk. Racing from Newmarket (3.10 Somerville Tattershall Stakes). 3.30 Music All The Way† 4.00 David Hamilton† incl 4.02, 5.05 Sport Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† incl 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 8.00 Friday Night is Music Night. The guest singers are Rosemary Ashe and Lindsay Benson. With Halls Oxford Concert Brass Band, and BBC Concert Orchestra, and Nigel Brooks singers.† 9.15 The Organist Entertains with Nigel Ogden. Featuring the life and work of Reginald Porter-Brown. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket. 10.30 Humouresque with Tony Capstick, Neil Innes and Richard Digance. 11.00 Late Night Friday (John Hosken). 1.00 am Peter Dickson presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00 am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read. 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30 pm Newsbeat (Steve Annett). 12.45 Gary Davies. 3.00 Paul Jordan. 5.30 Newsbeat (Steve Annett). 5.45 Bruno Brookes. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-4.00 am Knebworth Through The Night. 10.00 Alaska. 10.25 Mountain. 11.05 Mama's Boys. 11.45 Blackfoot. 12.45 Uriah Heep. 1.40 am Meatloaf. 2.15 Deep Purple. (All times approximate.) VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00 am As Radio 2. 10.00 pm-4.00 As Radio 1.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 The Best of Folk. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Scared Choir. 8.30 Music Now. 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press. 9.15 World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 John Arlott's Poetry Book. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Keep it in the Family. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 10.30 Business Matters. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In The Meantime. 11.25 A Letter from Northern Ireland. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Letterbox. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Desert Island Discs. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter from Northern Ireland. 5.15 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Empire of the Sun. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter from Northern Ireland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From the Weeklies. 11.30 The Art of Peter Pears. 12.00 Radio News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording of the Week. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Keep it in the Family. 1.45 Letterbox. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 The Book Quiz. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 That's Trad. 5.45 The World Today.

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† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

BBC 1 Wales: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio. 12.45am-12.50 News and weather. Scotland: 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. Northern Ireland: 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 International Athletics. 12.45am-12.50 News and weather. England: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-7.00 Central News. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15am Film: Kolchak the Night Stalker Meets the Ripper. 1.15 Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.30-7.00 Off the Rack. 10.32-11.00 Extra Time. 12.15am Three's Company, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00 Scottish News and Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Video Show. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15am Late Call, Closedown.

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GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00 Whose Baby? 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 10.30-11.00 Northern Echoes. 12.15am Film: Corridors of Blood (Boris Karloff). 1.40 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Problems. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 Scene '85. 11.15 Snooker. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 9.30am-12.00 Schools. 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30 Rock Solid. 11.00-12.15am Snooker.

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CHANNEL As London except: 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.15 Showcase. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 What's on Where. 10.34 Snooker. 12.15am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.12-5.15 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead. 10.34 Snooker. 12.15am Postscript. 12.21 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Calendar. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30-7.00 Whose Baby? 10.30 Snooker. 12.15am Short Story Theatre. 12.45 Closedown.

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CAMDEN PLAZA 485 2443 (opp Camden Town Tube) Luc Besson's SUBWAY (15) Starring CHRISTOPHER LAMBERT and ISABELLE ADJANI. 'A Fun Film. . . Always Enjoyable' SUNDAY TIMES. 'Beautifully inventive and Original fantasy Thriller' GUARDIAN. Film at 2.15. 4.20. 6.35. 8.55.

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M25: the motorway that will change people's lives

On Monday the Surrey section of the M25 London orbital motorway, from Reigate to Wisley, will finally open. Apart from two short stretches still to be completed, travellers from any direction need no longer plunge through London or take long detours through choked suburbia.

Many beneficiaries of a multiple purpose road

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

The M25 is the single most important addition to Britain's infrastructure for years, rivalling such projects as Heathrow Airport and the M1.

Although the greater speed and ease of long-distance journeys – Manchester to the Channel ports is perhaps more striking, the greates beneficiaries in volume will be local users, starting and finishing journeys within five miles of the ringway.

Such cross-London journeys have been cut from perhaps an hour to 20 minutes the economic benefits, though highly imprecise, probably run into several hundred million pounds a year for a road that cost £1,000 million to build.

That in turn increases the attractiveness of areas benefiting from improved access, and greatly enhances property values.

Others benefit environmentally by having traffic drawn away from local roads. There are hundreds of such places around the ring, of which Westerham in Kent is a good example. A pretty village with a green surrounded by shops and houses, its main road running through the green was clogged much of the day before the M25 was opened to the north.

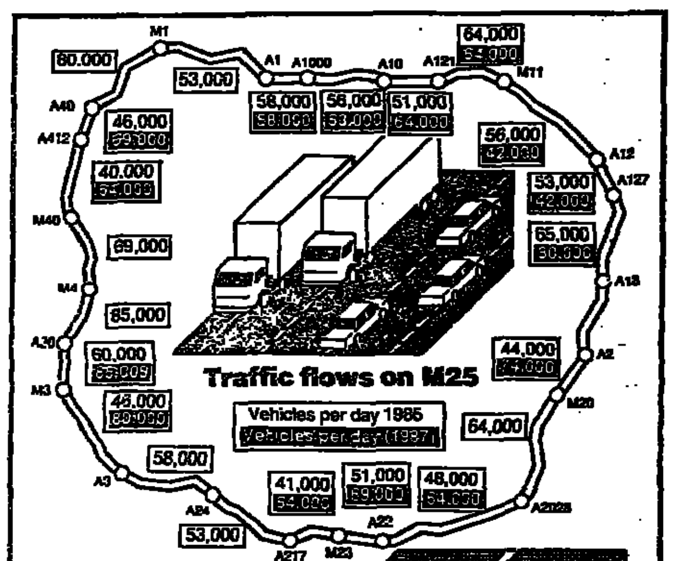
The motorway has cut Westerham's daily traffic flow from 20,000 to 5,000. Life has been transformed.

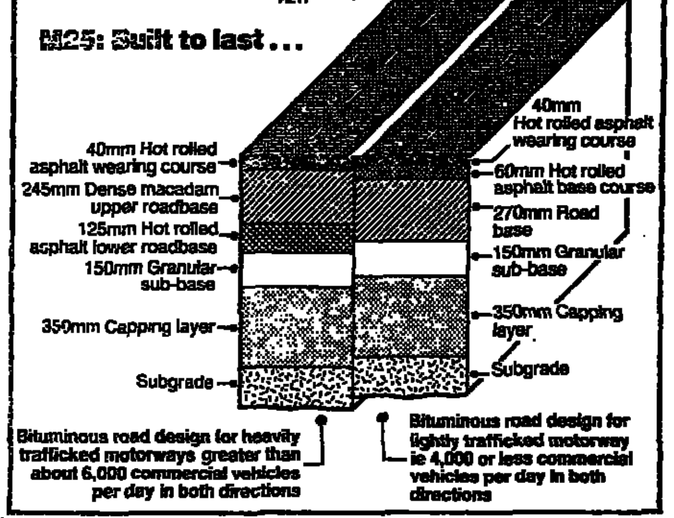
A shopkeeper said: "The noise, smell, and inconvenience were unbelievable. The constant queue of traffic meant people could not park easily, and it was a case of getting in and getting out as best one could.

"Now people can come and spend more time here. The atmosphere is pleasanter, and it has been good for business. We are very pleased with the M25."

Yet for each of these benefits there is disbenefit. A road such as the M25 is a powerful traffic generator. Many people will be tempted to make unnecessary journeys because it is there, increasing consumption and pollution, reducing peace and quiet.

The powerful magnet effect of the M25 puts severe strain on London's Green Belt through which it largely runs, and could accelerate central London's commercial and industrial decline.

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350mm Capping layer
Subgrade
40mm Hot rolled asphalt wearing course
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270mm Road base
150mm Granular sub-base
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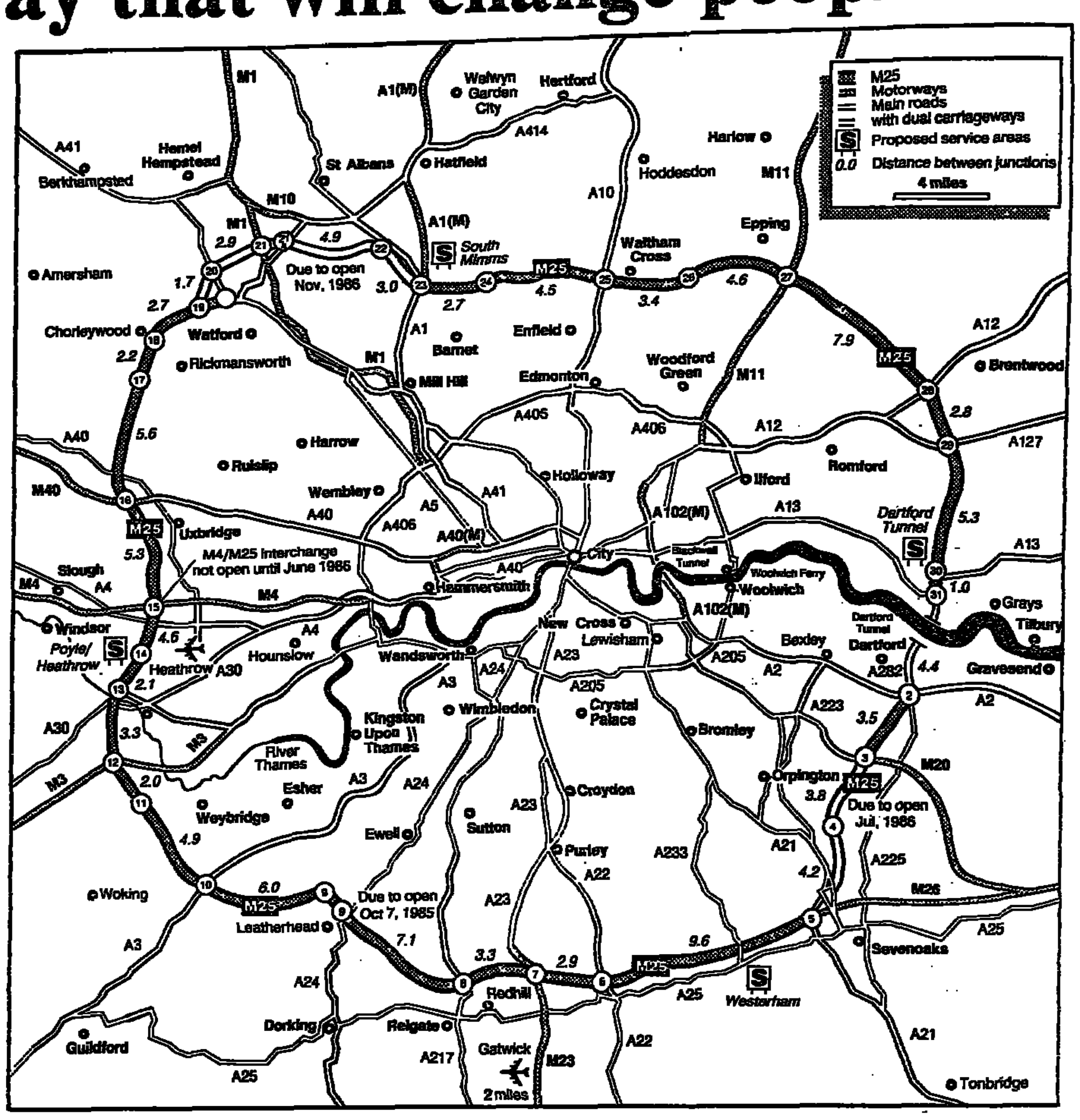
Bituminous road design for heavily trafficked motorways greater than about 6,000 commercial vehicles per day in both directions
Bituminous road design for lightly trafficked motorway ie 4,000 or less commercial vehicles per day in both directions



3 forces to police 120 miles

Six different forces, Kent, Essex, Hertfordshire, Thames Valley, Surrey and the Metropolitan Police, are policing the M25.

The six forces have between them four control centres: two on the north side of the ring at Chigwell and Welwyn; two on the south side at Godstone and Heston. It is from these four centres that the main task of policing the road ensuring safe and free traffic flow is carried out.

Information on the road is fed to control centres by police partol cars, of which there may perhaps be a score, or one every five or six miles, at any one time; through roadside telephones, of which there is one every mile with extra ones around junctions; or through video cameras on high poles on newer sections.

Unpredictable fog 'greatest hazard'

Fog is a particular hazard on motorways because of its unpredictability, combined with high traffic speeds.

Last December's mass collision near Westerham, in which nine were killed and 26 vehicles destroyed or damaged in the worst M25 accident to date, illustrates the point.

A meteorological study has pinpointed more than 30 spots around the motorway that might be especially susceptible to fog, of which the most notable are where the road crosses five small river valleys where damp air cools: the Chess, Roding, Wey, Misbourne and Mole. Worst times for fog are early morning and evening; and met experts expect it on average on up to 30 days a year.

Variable traffic flow

Predicted traffic flows vary enormously *(map, left)*: 85,000 vehicles a day in 1987 at Heathrow and 42,000 at Brentwood.

The M25, besides being a single road, is also a series of connections or by-passes, on which traffic flows will be a function of local traffic, and alternative roads.

The two busiest sections, it is expected, will be those adjoining the river crossing to east and west. The number of adjacent alternatives is severely limited, a factor compounded in the case of the westerly crossing by the huge traffic generation of Heathrow.

It is Heathrow too that probably accounts for the sharp disparity between a predicted 65,000 a day north of the M4 and 85,000 south. The latter will include feeder traffic to the big new terminal four due to open next spring.

Similar variations are seen to the west (80,000) and east (53,000) of the proposed junction with M1.

● The Dartford Tunnel, awned and management by Kent and Essex county councils, could be a serious bottleneck within five years, with queues several miles long on summer weekends.

● For nine months more, motorists from north and east London to Gatwick and the South area advised to take a detour as the shorter A225 route takes longer.

● The Road Haulage Association has called for an end to the hindrance of Dartford Tunnel tolls

Heaviest construction used in Britain

Maintenance of the M25, as a strongly constructed road with heavy traffic flows, is expected to cost about £2.5 million a year in the early years. When the time comes for major renewal, after 20 years or more, it should cost about £1m a mile.

Maintenance will be done normally by the county councils through whose territory the road passes, differing according to the construction of the road: asphalt or concrete. Maintenance will be hevily conditioned by the volume of heavy lorry traffic.

An asphalt road deteriorates under traffic pounding by a gradual deformation of the surface, leading eventually to rutting. Deterioration increases if rutting is bad enough to hold water.

A concrete road disintegrates on the surface layer. Joints between concrete slabs need to be sealed, and cracks sealed and re-sealed.

Designers hope that maintenance will be held in check by the heavy construction, Britain's heaviest yet, with design capacity for up to 120,000 vehicles a day.

But there are fears that traffic could, as has happened with other motorways, substantially exceed forecasts, leading to heavy maintenance and the need for additional lanes in the busiest sections.

Provision, in the form of extra width of bridges and flyovers, has been made in only a small part of the 120-mile road.

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duchesss of Kent visits the Royal National Lifeboat Institution Station at Wells, 11.50; and then attends a reception to be given by the Norfolk Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, Sennowe Park, Guist, 1; Later, she opens the new St Joseph's Wing at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk, 2.45.

Princess Alexandra opens the Veterinary Investigation Laboratory of the North of Scotland College of Agriculture, Drummondhill, Stratherrick Rd, Inverness, 3.

New exhibitions

Marcus Adams-Photographer Royal – a selection of prints; National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Princes' View, **Bradford**; Tues to Sat 12 to 8, Sun 2.30 to 6 (ends Nov 29).

Edward Grassby Memorial; Dorset County Museum, **Dorchester**; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 1 and 2 to 5 (ends Oct 14).

Paintings by Raymong Lockyer; Muriel Beach-Thomas Gallery, High St, **Burford**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends Oct 30).

Prints by members of the Gainsborough House Print Workshop; Portland Gallery, High St, **Southwold**, Suffolk; Mon to Sat 9 to 1 and 2 to 5.30, closed Wed and Sun (ends Oct 12).

Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours; Mid-Cornwall Galleries, **Biscovey**, Par; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Oct 19).

Music

Piano recital by John Lill; South **Bromsgrove** High School, Charford Rd, 7.30.

Swansea Festival: Concert by the Kurpfälzisches Kammer-Orchester; Brangwyn Hall, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra; Usher Hall, **Edinburgh**, 7.30.

The Glory Echoes Gospel Concert; St George's Theatre, **Luton**, 7.30

Concert by the Chilingham String Quartet; Theatre Royal, **Bury St Edmunds**, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; University Great Hall, **Exeter**, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Canterbury Festival: Treasures from the grand tour, by Julian Stock, Old Synagogue, 5.

Millais and Millet; Silk Top Hat Gallery, 4 Quality Sq, **Ludlow**, Shropshire, 7.30.

General

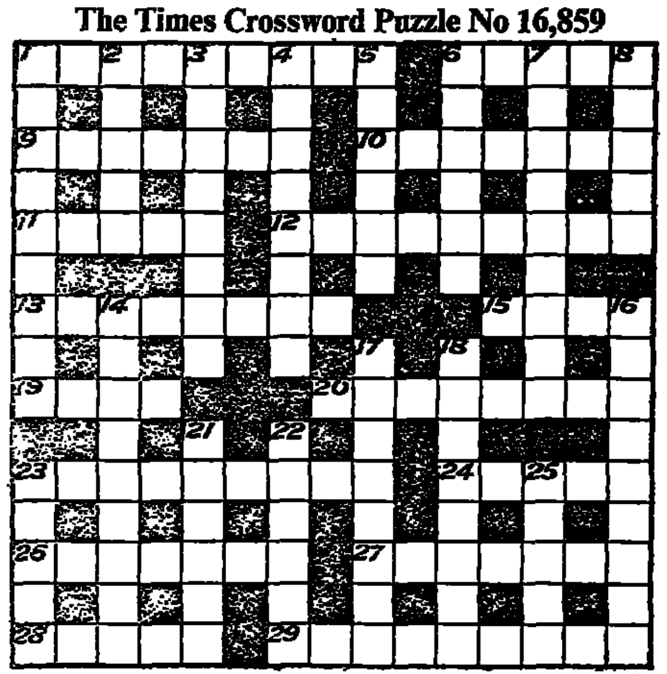
Surrey Antiques Fair; Civic Hall, **Guildford**, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, then *daily 11 to 8, last day 11 to 6* (until Oct 10).

Perthshire Antiques Fair; Station Hotel, Leonard St, **Perth**, today and tomorrow 11 to 8, Sun 11 to 5 (until Oct 6).

Heart of England Craft Market; Sports Centre, **Keele** University, today 2 to 9, tomorrow 10 to 6, Sun 10 to 5 (until Oct 6).

King's Lynn Poetry Festival; Christopher Logue, Fleur Adcock and George Macbeth; Thoresby Great Hall, 7.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,859



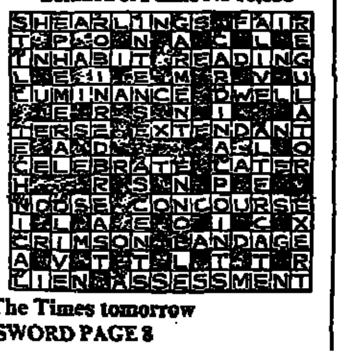
ACROSS

1 Be persuaded to wake up (4,5).
6 Youngster in charge of a third power (5).
9 Fertilizer container overturned on carpet (7).
10 Rescue tiro beset by heathen (7).
11 Religion is hit hard (5).
12 Members of RN wounded, badly, in a far country (4,5).
13 Charging a couple of hundred, you verbally give information (8).
15 Theatrical party (4).
19 Lady right all the time (4).
20 One who causes damage and recurrent regret to scholars (8).
23 Hurry up and rearrange heats (4,5).
24 There's a medical man behind the plan (5).
26 In great shape to rock (7).
27 As a stop-gap during schooldays, I filled in (7).
28 A brave cove (5).
29 Animal with the head of a panda, not usually arboreal (5,4).

DOWN

1 One standing about and taking one's time (9).
2 Copper perhaps confronted a gangster (5).
3 Give new weapons to East German last of all (8).
4 You sound undecided about standing (2-6).
5 Deny the broadcast is drowned by noise (6).
6 Ring that's 24 in America (4,2).
7 Diversion made bar go crazy (5-4).
8 Transparent net (5).
14 Vet and assistant put an end to 7 (9).
16 Send gin up for casual worker (4-5).
17 Components for fabric (8).
18 Polaris – sailor prepares to shoot first (8).
21 Hikers' outcry (6).
22 Viper catches general napping (6).
23 Spell "sorcerers" with a "c" (5).
25 Consent to correspond (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,858



Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow
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V & A scheme

The introduction of voluntary admission fees at the Victoria & Albert Museum has been postponed until November 4. The museum, which had hoped to bring in voluntary charges from the beginning of this month, says that the delay has been caused because of alterations to its restaurant.

Top films

The top box-office films in London:

1 (–) Fletch
2 (1) Desperately Seeking Susan
3 (3) A Nightmare on Elm Street
4 (2) Cocoon
5 (4) Rambo: First Blood Part II
6 (5) Subway
7 (7) Crimes of Passion
8 (6) A View to a Kill
9 (8) The Purple Rose of Cairo
10 (–) Witness (Re-entry)

The top films in the provinces:

1 Desperately Seeking Susan
2 Rambo: First Blood Part II
3 Nightmare on Elm Street
4 Brewster's Millions
5 The Purple Rose of Cairo

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Top video rentals

1 (1) City Heat
2 (3) Ghoulies
3 (4) Wild Geese 2
4 (2) The Karate Kid
5 (–) 2010: The Year we Make Contact
6 (13) Razorback
7 (20) Blood Simple
8 (6) First Blood
9 (5) Tightrope
10 (7) Top Secret

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£250,000 bond

The winning number in this month's £250,000 Premium Bond prize is 2BP 726543. The winner comes from the Channel Islands.

Food prices – home-grown celery

Although celery has been eaten in Britain for three centuries, and 60 per cent of it is now home-grown, expenditure is still only 26p a head a year. It is mainly eaten raw in salads or as an accompaniment to cheese, but it is also delicious as a hot vegetable or made into soup. It is an excellent source of fibre and vitamin C and is very low in calories. Home-grown pre-packs are at present 20-40p a head, depending on size. Other good salad buys are Chinese leaves at 20-40p a lb, cucumber 25-45p each, round lettuce 16-22p each, spring onions 18-25p a bunch and tomatoes 28-39p a lb. Runner beans at 30-40p a lb are ending, but there are good supplies of Brussels sprouts 20-35p a lb, *Primo* cabbage 12-18p a lb, calabrese 45-70p a lb, cauliflower 20-35p each and courgettes 35-45p a lb.

French and Spanish Golden Delicious apples are in the shops at 20-30p a lb, and Williams pears at 30-40p are also recommended. There are still plenty of plums, probably the best being English Marjorie Seedling at 40-50p a lb, butthey will be coming to an end soon. Staple favourites include bananas at 35-46p a lb and oranges 8-25p each, although there will be a much wider variety in a few weeks' time. Italia grapes at 40-65p a lb are excellent, and Spanish Honeydew melons at 40-90p each are tempting, but watch quality.

Fish supplies and prices remain good, but there are considerable regional variations. In Wales and the West Country codling fillets are down 11p on last week, and in the Midlands and East Anglia dabs are down 13p. Large cod fillets are an excellent buy at an average price of £1.53 a lb. Haddock fillets £1.58 a lb, whiting fillets £1.18 and plaice fillets £1.73 are all slightly dearer, but coley is unchanged at 83p a lb. Lemon sole averages £1.77 a lb and Dover sole £2.91; kippers about 98p a lb.

Home produced lamb is cheaper again this week with best end chops down 4p a lb. Whole leg ranges from £1.34-£1.70, a shoulder 79p-£1.10 and loin chops £1.48-£2. Pork cuts are slightly more expensive than last week; whole leg 87p-£1.22, boneless shoulder 99p-£1.40 and loin chops £1.28-£1.49 a lb. Beef prices show varying trends, with boneless sirloin roasting joints down 2p a lb, but topside and silverside marginally more expensive at £1.89-£2.30. Dewhurst and Baxters have half ducklings at £1.79 each. Other special offers include **Presto** boneless shoulder of pork 88p a lb and rump steak £2.68; **Sainsbury** rib roast of beef £1.24 and English leg of lamb £1.24 a lb; **Tesco** Grade A frozen chickens 58p and porterhouse and rump steak £2.88 a lb; **Safeway** boneless leg of pork £1.68 a lb.

Roads

The Midlands: *M5*: Contraflow between junction 3 (A458 Halesowen and Birmingham); no southbound access at junction 2. *M54*: Contraflow between junctions 5 (Ketley) and 6 (Forge); westbound entry at junction 5 and no westbound exit at junction; alternative routes signposted. *A5*: Temporary lights at Stretton between Gaily and Pickmere Island (Staffordshire).

Wales and West: *M4*: Contraflow between junctions 22 and 23 Chepstow to Magor, Gwent; only one lane available for eastbound traffic. *M4*: Only one lane on eastbound carriageway at junctions 23 and 24 Magor to Newport. *M5*: Outside lanes closed on both carriageways between junctions 25 and 26 Taunton to Wellington.

The North: *M6*: Lanes closed on both carriageways between junctions 32 (M55) and 33 (A6 Lancaster S); access to Forton services maintained; care required. *M62*: Contraflow between junctions 18 and 19 Greater Manchester (either side of Birch services); repairs and resurfacing. *M63/M62/M602*: Eccles Interchange, Greater Manchester: lane restriction N of Barton Bridge; no access from M63 northbound to M62 westbound.

Scotland: *M8*: Eastbound carriageway closed at junction 26 Hillington; lengthy delays each am peak hour citybound (towards Glasgow); short diversions. *A725*: Eastbound carriageway closed E of Kilbridge Expressway, near Whirlies roundabout; contraflow westbound; two mile tailbacks possible in each direction at peak hours. *A8*: Major delays in Dellingburn St, Greenock at Scott Lithgow shipyard; westbound traffic reduced to one lane and traffic from Inverkip Rd turning right at fire station to head E is being diverted through Dockyard.

Information supplied by the AA

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.07	1.97
Austria Sch	27.30	25.90
Belgium Fr	79.25	75.45
Canada $	2.00	1.91
Denmark Kr	14.11	13.41
Finland Mkk	8.37	7.97
France Fr	11.79	11.26
Germany DM	3.87	3.69
Greece Dr	199.00	187.00
Hong Kong $	11.25	10.75
Ireland Pt	1.255	1.195
Italy Lira	2620.00	2490.00
Japan Yen	318.00	301.00
Netherlands Gld	4.37	4.16
Norway Kr	11.55	11.01
Portugal Esc	239.00	228.00
South Africa Rd	3.75	3.25
Spain Pta	234.00	222.00
Sweden Kr	11.73	11.18
Switzerland Fr	3.17	3.01
USA $	1.48	1.41
Yugoslavia Dnr	465.00	425.00

Retail Price Index: 375.7.

London: The *FT* index closed down 1.6 at 1010.9

Anniversaries

Births: **Giambattista Piranesi**, engraver, Mestre, Italy, 1720; **Jean-François Millet**, painter, Gruchy, France, 1814; **Rutherford B. Hayes**, 19th president of the USA 1877-81, Delaware, Ohio, 1822.

Deaths: **Saint Teresa of Avila**, Alba de Tormes, Spain, 1582; **Rembrandt**, Amsterdam, 1669; **John Rennie**, civil engineer, London, 1821; **Max Planck**, phycsicist, Göttingen, Germany, 1947; **Sir Arthur Whitten Brown**, aviator, Swansea, 1948.

The printing of Miles Coverdale's translation of the Bible was completed, 1535. **The Boy's Brigade** was founded in Glasgow by Sir William Smith, 1883. Today is the **Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.**

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

● Rules will appear again in Friday's paper

Weather forecast

A deep depression centred W of the Hebrides will maintain a very strong SW airstream over the British Isles.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central N, NE England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, isolated showers becoming more frequent, some heavy; wind SW strong to gale force; max temp 18C (64F).

SW, NW England, Wales: Sunny intervals and scattered showers, some heavy; winds SW strong to gale force, locally severe gale force on exposed coasts; max temp 18C (64F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals and squally showers, some heavy or prolonged; wind SW strong to gale force, locally severe gale force; max temp 17C (63F).

Moray Firth, NE, New Scotland, Orkney: Sunny intervals and squally showers, some heavy or prolonged; wind SW strong to gale force; max temp 17C (63F).

Shetland: Sunny intervals and squally showers, some heavy or prolonged; wind SW strong to gale force, locally severe gale force at first; max temp 13C (55F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: *Continuing unsettled with near normal temperatures.*

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW strong to gale; showers visibility good; sea very rough. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind S or SW gale occasionally severe gale; showers; visibility good; sea very rough.

Sun rises: 7.06 am
Sun sets: 6.32 pm
Moon sets: 1.06 pm
Moon rises: 6.32 pm
Last quarter October 7.

Lighting-up time

London 7.02 pm to 6.38 am
Bristol 7.12 pm to 6.47 am
Edinburgh 7.11 pm to 6.53 am
Manchester 7.09 pm to 6.47 am
Penzance 7.24 pm to 6.56 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

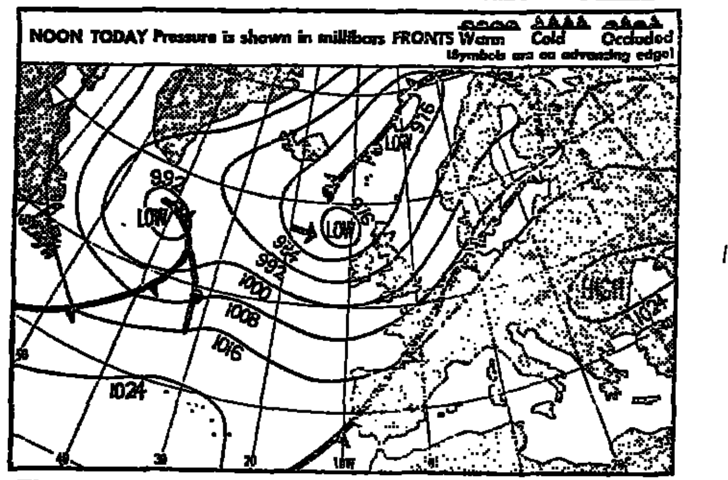
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	15	59	Guernsey	f	14	57
Birmingham	f	14	57	Inverness	s	14	57
Blackpool	f	17	63	Jersey	s	15	59
Bristol	s	15	59	London	c	21	70
Cardiff	s	14	57	Manchester	f	14	57
Edinburgh	f	16	61	Newcastle	c	15	59
Glasgow	c	14	57	Ronaldsway	s	15	59

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 17C (63F). Humidity: 6 pm, 85 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 2.0hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1005.9 millibars, falling.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Manston 23C (73F); lowest day max: Lerwick 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Shap 1.57in; highest sunshine: Belfast 8.7hr.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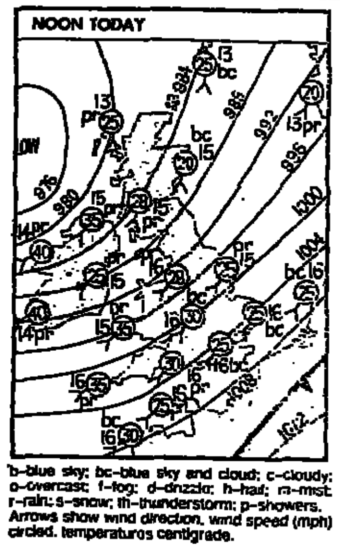

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.27	6.6	5.40	6.6
Aberdeen	4.41	3.8	5.07	3.7
Avonmouth	10.43	11.7	11.00	11.3
Belfast	2.40	3.0	3.06	3.1
Cardiff	10.28	10.9	10.45	10.5
Devonport	9.04	5.1	9.15	4.9
Dover	2.21	6.0	2.28	6.1
Falmouth	8.34	4.9	8.45	4.7
Glasgow	4.20	4.8	4.39	4.8
Harwich	3.16	3.7	3.29	3.8
Holyhead	1.41	5.1	1.57	4.9
Hull	9.53	6.7	10.07	6.5
Ilfracombe	9.23	8.2	9.40	7.9
Leith	6.03	5.0	6.36	4.7
Liverpool	2.35	8.6	2.47	8.4
Lowestoft	12.53	2.3	1.01	2.3
Margate	3.23	4.4	3.37	4.5
Milford Haven	9.42	6.2	10.00	6.0
Newquay	8.34	6.3	8.53	6.1
Oban	8.57	3.6	9.21	3.4
Penzance	8.07	5.2	8.19	4.9
Portland	10.09	1.9	10.27	1.8
Portsmouth	3.02	4.2	3.15	4.3
Shoreham	2.25	5.6	2.37	5.5
Southampton	2.13	4.1	2.30	4.1
Swansea	9.46	8.6	10.07	8.4
Tees	7.15	4.9	7.34	4.7
Walton-on-Naze	3.11	3.9	3.23	3.9

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.5	.06	19	66	showers
Bridlington	1.9	.09	20	68	showers
Cromer	2.0	.06	20	68	showers
Lowestoft	1.3	–	20	68	bright
Clacton	1.4	.05	20	68	showers pm
Margate					
Folkestone	2.3	–	21	70	bright pm
Hastings	1.2	.08	20	68	rain pm
Eastbourne	0.8	.23	20	68	rain
Brighton	0.7	.13	19	66	rain pm
Worthing	2.1	.18	20	68	rain pm
Littlehmptn	1.6	.13	20	68	rain
Bognor R	1.9	.11	19	66	showers
Southsea	2.1	.12	21	70	rain pm
Shanklin	1.8	.14	20	68	rain pm
Bournemth	1.6	.48	19	66	showers
Poole	1.4	.35	20	68	showers
Swanage	1.3	.58	19	66	rain
Weymouth	0.4	.31	18	64	rain
Exmouth	1.7	.34	16	61	rain am
Torquay	1.9	.50	17	63	rain am
Falmouth	5.8	.35	16	61	sunny
Penzance	6.5	.23	18	64	rain am
Jersey	2.3	.07	21	70	rain pm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	1.3	.28	20	68	showers
Scilly Isles	7.9	.15	18	64	shower am
Newquay	5.7	.24	19	66	rain am
Ilfracombe	–	.78	18	64	rain am
Tenby	6.5	.35	17	63	rain am
Southport	–	–	–	–	–
Morecambe	3.3	.41	17	63	rain
Douglas	6.3	.33	15	59	sunny pm
London (Ctrl)	2.0	.05	21	70	rain
B'mam (Airpt) rain am	2.7	.17	18	64	
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.9	.42	16	61	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	3.2	.33	17	63	rain am
Anglesey	6.7	.21	16	61	showers am
B'pool (Airpt)	4.9	.51	17	63	rain am
Manchester	2.9	.13	18	64	rain am
Nottingham	1.9	.06	17	63	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	3.5	.06	17	63	rain am
Carlisle	4.3	.19	17	63	rain am
Eskdalemuir	2.4	.09	15	59	showers
Prestwick	4.8	.25	15	61	showers pm
Glasgow	5.4	.21	16	61	rain am
Tiree	6.2	.42	15	59	thunder pm
Stornoway	4.7	.20	14	57	rain am

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	26	79	Cologne	s	23	73	Majorca	s	30	86	Rome	c	21	70
Akrotiri	s	27	81	Copenhgn	fg	13	55	Malaga	s	27	81	Salzburg	s	24	75
Alexandria	c	26	79	Corfu	s	25	77	Malta	f	25	77	Sao Paulo*	c	22	72
Algiers	s	35	95	Dublin	c	16	61	Melbourne	s	25	77	S Francisco*	f	18	64
Amsterdam	d	21	70	Dubrovnik	s	25	77	Mexico C				Santiago*	s	20	68
Athens	s	27	81	Faro	f	23	73	Miami*	f	31	88	Seoul	s	23	73
Bahrain	s	35	95	Florence	s	26	79	Milan	f	24	75	Singapore	r	24	75
Barbados*	f	30	86	Frankfurt	s	23	73	Montreal*	s	14	57	Stockholm	c	15	59
Barcelona	s	27	81	Funchal	s	25	77	Moscow	f	16	61	Strasbourg	s	25	77
Beirut	s	26	79	Geneva	s	26	79	Munich	s	25	77	Sydney	s	22	72
Belgrade	s	27	81	Gibraltar	s	23	73	Nairobi				Tangier*	s	26	79
Berlin	f	23	73	Helsinki	c	12	54	Naples	s	26	79	Tel Aviv	s	28	82
Bermuda*	f	26	79	Hong Kong	s	27	81	New Delhi	f	31	88	Tenerife			
Biarritz	f	30	86	Innsbruck	s	22	72	New York*	s	31	88	Tokyo	s	24	75
Boulogne	c	22	72	Istanbul	s	24	75	Nice	s	24	75	Toronto*	f	13	55
Bordeaux	s	29	84	Jiddah	s	33	91	Oslo	c	[illegible]	[illegible]	Tunis	s	29	84
Brussels	f	23	73	Jo'burg*	s	29	84	Paris	f	25	77	Valencia	s	26	79
Budapest	s	23	73	Karachi	s	35	95	Peking	s	24	75	Vancouver*	f	13	55
Buen Aires*	f	25	77	Las Palmas	s	26	79	Perth	c	17	63	Venice	d	21	70
Cairo*	s	30	86	Lisbon	f	23	73	Prague	c	23	73	Vienna	s	23	73
Cape Tn	c	19	66	Locarno	s	21	70	Reykjavik	s	10	50	Warsaw	r	18	64
C'blanca	s	23	73	L Angeles*	s	24	75	Rhodes	s	25	77	Washington	f	16	61
Chicago*	s	16	61	Luxembg	f	22	72	Riyadh	s	38	100	Wellington*	s	13	55
Ch'church*	f	20	68	Madrid	s	24	75	Rio de Jan	f	21	70	Zurich	s	23	73

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

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